



Rise & Pray, lest Ye enter into Temptation.
Luke 22. 46.

A
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DEVOTIONS.

In THREE PARTS.

PART I.

Containing Prayers for Families and private Persons.

PART II.

Containing Offices. I. Of Humiliation. II. For the Sick. III. For Women with Child.

PART III.

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*T*HE Glory of God, and the Good of Souls, have been the only Inducements for publishing the following Devotions: It is hoped they will, in some Measure, answer those Ends, and assist the good Christian in the Discharge of the great and important Duty of Prayer.

In the Devotions for private Persons, there are Morning and Evening Prayers for every Day of the Week, to which are added Prayers for any
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intermediate Time of the Day. This was done, without any Intention of prescribing to any one; and was chiefly designed as a Means to furnish the devout Christian with Variety of proper Petitions and Expressions, wherein to lay open his Wants before God; and that by making Use of the Prayers in such a Method, as the Whole may be gone over in some short Space of Time, he might be instructed in, and reminded of several important Duties of a Christian Life. But after all, every one is left to his own Discretion, to choose, add, omit, or alter, as he shall see fit: Because, as the Judgments and Opinions of Mankind are very different; so it can never be expected that the same Method or Form of Prayer should suit all Persons; or even the same Persons at all Times.

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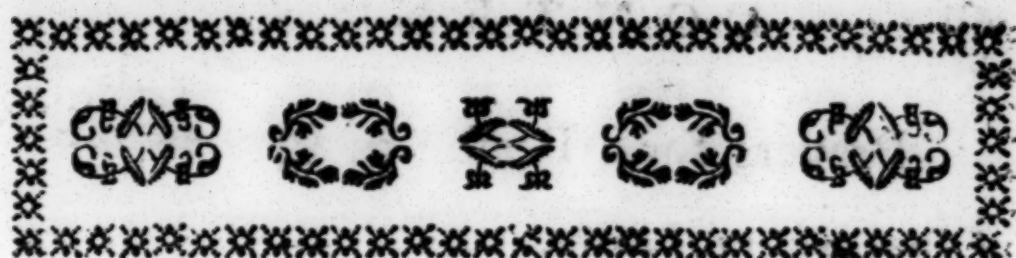
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as generally useful, as can be well expected in a Work of this Nature ; but as the best Performances have Imperfections, so this (to be sure) is not without them. However, it is hoped, there are none so great, but what a Christian may overlook, for the Sake of that Good, which is intended by it.

It is not pretended, that the following Prayers are all entirely new. There will be found among them several Collections from other Books ; but those being such only as have been thought excellent in their Kind, it was believed the Whole would not be less acceptable for that Reason. And here particular Acknowledgments ought to be made to the wise and pious Author of The great Duty of frequenting the Christian Sacrifice ; from whence, with his Leave, some Prayers in the Office of Humiliation, and for the Communion, have been collected.

May God, of his great Mercy, make these Devotions serviceable to the Ends for which they are designed: And may his good Spirit accompany the Use of them, and enkindle in all our Hearts such a pure and holy Flame, as may never be extinguished by any Lusts or Passions; but being continually cherished and kept alive, by ardent and devout Prayers here, it may hereafter break forth in Praises and Hallelujahs to God, and to the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.





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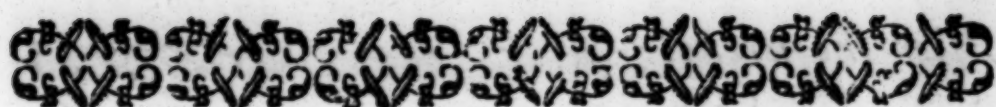
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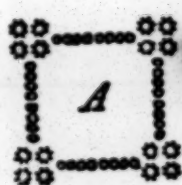
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be able to answer it at the *Last Day*, when they shall appear before the Judgment-seat of Christ, there to give an Account how they have observed the Precepts of Christianity, of which they can't but know this is one, *That Men ought always to pray**: Or, as it is in another Place, *That Men pray every where, lifting up holy Hands, without Wrath and Doubting†*.

In order, therefore, to convince such Men of the great Importance of *praying frequently* to God, and how inexcusable they are if they neglect so to do, I desire they would go along with me in the following Reflections.

Consider that Prayer is a Duty enjoin'd us purely for our own Sakes; a Duty, that is neither expensive of our Time, nor of Estates; no Depth of Learning, no Subtility of Parts, is required to the Practice of it; 'tis what the Meanest, as well as the Highest may perform; 'tis suited to all Persons and all Conditions; the Miserable and Afflicted, the Prosperous and Happy, the Poor and the Rich, the Young and Old, may all

* Luke xviii. 1.

† 1 Tim. ii. 8.

pray to God? no Circumstance of Life can incapacitate us for this Duty; it obliges all, for all are the Creatures of God, and depend upon him for all the Comforts and Conveniencies of Life; *In him we live and move, and have our Being*; and therefore (as the *Psalmist* advises) *we should worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker*; and what engages us the more so to do, is, that God hath been graciously pleased to invite us to this Duty by the most endearing Promises, and annexed invaluable Blessings to the due Performance of it. He hath declared himself to be *a God bearing Prayer*; and has promised that *He will give his Holy Spirit to them that ask it*. Our Saviour has assured us, that *if we pray to our Father which is in secret, our Father, which seeth in secret, will reward us openly**; and that *whatsoever we ask the Father in his Name, he will give it us*†. If any of you, says St. James, *lack Wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all Men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him*‡.

* Matt. v. 6. † John xvi. 23. ‡ Jam. i. 5.

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Nay, so far has God been pleased to condescend in this Matter, as to appeal even to Men themselves for the Truth of it. *What Man is there of you, says our Saviour, whom if his Son ask Bread, will he give him a Stone? Or if he ask a Fish, will he give him a Serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good Gifts unto your Children, how much more shall your Father which is in Heaven give good Things to them that ask him*?* As if he should have said, ‘ Was ever
 ‘ any earthly Parent deaf to the Wants
 ‘ and Cries of his Children : And if
 ‘ they ask’d for Food, did he deride
 ‘ their Necessities, by giving them what
 ‘ it was impossible they should eat? If
 ‘ ye then that are *evil*, that is *niggardly*
 ‘ and *covetous*, know not how to resist
 ‘ the Force of natural Affections, how
 ‘ much rather ought ye to think, that
 ‘ your Father, which is in Heaven, who
 ‘ sees, and knows, and pities all your
 ‘ Wants : He that is Goodness itself,
 ‘ who delights in communicating the
 ‘ Effects of that Goodness, and whose
 ‘ Love exceeds the Kindness of the most

* Matt. vii. 9, 10, 11.

• tender Parent; how much rather, I
• say, ought ye to think, that such a
• Father will be ready to hear the
• Prayers of his Children that call upon
• Him? It is certain, and you may be
• assur'd, that he will hear them, and
• give good Gifts to them that ask him.
But he has made our *asking* of them one
Condition of our receiving them from him.

And now, what higher *Motives* can
we wish for, to excite our Performance
of any Duty, than we have for this?
What can we desire more to encourage
our Addresses to God by Prayer, than to
be assur'd, That he will *bear us*? He
who is the Lord of Heaven and Earth,
whose Goodness as well as Power is in-
finite, and who is as willing as he is
able, to relieve our Wants? O the
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fort, where we are invited to taste freely, and from whence proceeds such pleasant Streams as will refresh the Soul in all the Troubles and Calamities of Life. *Is any among you afflicted?* says St. James*, *let him pray.* This was the constant Practice of the *Psalmist*, and from his own Experience he hath taught us what mighty *Advantages* attend it. *When I am in Trouble* says he †, *I will call upon thee, O Lord, for thou hearest me.* And in another Place ‡, *I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my Fears.* In my Distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God; He heard my Voice out of his Temple, and my Cry came before Him, even into his Ears. Indeed, there is nothing in the World seems so prevalent with God, as the fervent Prayer of a righteous Man: We are told by St. James, that it *availeth much*, when offered up in behalf of others; and to be sure, 'tis of no less Force, when our own Wants are the Subject of it.

Not that we are to conclude from hence, that all the Prayers, even of a *righteous Man*, shall immediately be an-

* Jam. v. 13. † Psal. xxxiv. 4. ‡ Ibid. xviii 6.

swered by God: No, there may be many wise Reasons, why God may see fit to deny what we ask, or at least defer the granting it; as, for the Trial of our *Faith*, or for the Exercise of some *Virtue* in us; or because we are not yet fit for the Blessings we desire; or that we ask for what he sees would be *hurtful to us*, or the like. And, therefore, we must not understand the *Promises* which are made to Prayer, in an absolute, but a limited Sense; that is, that when we and our Prayers have those *Qualifications* which are necessary to make them acceptable to God, he will give us what we ask for, if he sees it fit for us: I say, fit for us; because we may (and I doubt, from a Fondness for the Things of this Life, or through Ignorance too often do) ask for such Things as it may be *great Mercy* in God to deny us.

In order, therefore, that our Prayers may be acceptable to God, three Things are to be considered, 1st, The *Qualifications* of the *Person* praying. 2^{dly}, The *Matter* of our Prayers. And 3^{dly}, The *Manner* of them.

First, The *Qualifications* of the *Person* praying.

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1. He that would pray so as to be heard of God, *must lift up holy Hands, and a pure Heart.* He must not bring with him any *unrepented Sins*; but as God speaks by the Prophet *Isaiab*, upon the like Occasion, *He must put away the Evil of his Doings.---He must cease to do Evil, and learn to do well**. Or, as St. Peter advises, *Let him eschew Evil, and do Good*; for, as it follows in the next Verse, *The Eyes of the Lord are over the Righteous, and his Ears are open unto their Prayers: But the Face of the Lord is against them that do Evil†*. And to the same Purpose, says Solomon, *The Sacrifice of the Wicked is an Abomination to the Lord; but the Prayer of the upright is his Delight‡*. If I incline unto *Wickedness in my Heart*, says holy David, *the Lord will not bear me§*. Indeed, there is nothing more evident from the whole Scope of the *Scriptures*, than that God *heareth not wilful and impenitent Sinners*; but if any Man be a *Worshipper of God, and doth his Will, him he beareth ||*; as the blind Man that was restored to

* Isa. i. 16, 17. † 1 Pet. iii. 11, 12. ‡ Prov. xv. 8.
§ Psal. lxxvi. 18. || John ix. 31.

Sight by our *Saviour*, told the *Pharisees*. In short, Sin is the most *hateful Thing* in the Sight of God, and therefore till a Man is come to a Sense of his past Offences, and is not only *sorry* for having offended God, but resolved by his Grace to amend for the future, he can never be said to be in a fit *Disposition* to pray; but as this is the lowest Conception we can have of the *Qualification* I am speaking of, a Man must not stop here, he must put those good *Resolutions* in Practice, having always in View this Consideration, “ That the greater Attainments
“ any one makes in a holy Life, the
“ more acceptable will his Prayers be in
“ the Sight of God.”

2. A *second Qualification* respecting the Person praying, is *Charity* or *Love*; and this is so necessary, that though we should pray with the *Tongues of Men and Angels*, and have not this *Qualification*, it would be to no Purpose; our Prayers would be like sounding Brass, or a tinkling Cymbal, empty and insignificant Sounds. There is nothing so contrary to the Nature of God, nothing so wide of the true Spirit of a Christian, as *Bitterness and Wrath, Malice and Envy*: And therefore it is vain to think, that ever our

Prayers can be acceptable to the God of Love, till we have put on, as the *Elect of God*, *Bowels of Mercies, Kindness, Humbleness of Mind, Meekness, Long-suffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another* *, as St. Paul commands.

3. A *third Qualification is Faith*. If any of you lack *Wisdom*, says St. James, let him ask of God; but let him ask with *Faith, nothing wavering* †. Not that we are to understand by this, that we must never offer up our Prayers to God but with a *firm Belief*, that what we pray for shall immediately be granted us. No; all that is *required* of us in this Matter, is to come to the Throne of God with an humble *Confidence* in his Mercy, assuredly believing that *God is the Hearer of Prayer*, and that He is infinitely Good and Wise, and will deny us nothing that he sees and knows to be *fit* for us. And from thence it will follow,

4. As a *fourth Qualification*, That in all Things of a temporal Concern, we must exercise an *entire Submission* to the Will of God. *Not my Will, but thine be*

* Col. iii. 12, 13.

† Jam. i. 5, 6.

done, said our blessed Lord, when he prayed that *the bitter Cup might pass from him*: And so must we too, whenever we pray for the Removing of present Evils, or the Procurement of any future Good of this Life. God indeed has been graciously pleased to encourage us to lay our Wants before him; but how far, and in what manner, and when they shall be relieved, is a Matter He has reserved to his *own Disposal*; and we must (and it is highly reasonable we should) acquiesce in all his Determinations concerning them: He only knows what is best for us, and what is most suitable to our present State: And therefore, a good Christian will be sure to leave the Issue of his Prayers in God's Hands, not doubting but he will give, like a kind Father, to each of his dutiful Children, as much as he needeth, or as much as is useful and fit, and from thence will take it for a Demonstration, that what God gives him not, is not fit for him.

5. A *fifth* Qualification of the Person praying is, That *he hath a good Intention*; petitioning for those Things he asks to a good End. *We must not pray (as the Hy-*

pocrites do) that we may be seen of Men *. Neither must we pray for any thing, that *we may consume it upon our Lusts* †. As the intemperate Man does when he prays for Health, only that he may be still intemperate; or the revengeful Man, when he prays for Authority, that he may have the more Power to effect his evil Designs; for this is, as St. James says, *to ask amiss*; and then no wonder, *if we ask and receive not*: Indeed, it is pure Mercy in God to *deny* us such Requests; and therefore if we desire that he should hear our Prayers, we must, as is said before, make his Glory, and our own and others Salvation, our chief *End* in presenting them; and all other Things are to be considered, only as they tend to promote *the one Thing needful*.

Secondly, We are to consider the *Matter* of our Prayers. We are to take Care, that we never ask any Thing of God, but what is conformable to the Divine Will, which are all such Things as He has promised to give; as Blessings Spiritual and Temporal; the former, God has promised to the Faithful, that discharge their Duty, without any Condi-

* Matt vi. 5.

† Jam. iv. 3.

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tion ; the latter, He has promised (especially such Things as are necessary for the Support of Life) only in *general Terms*, and not as our chief Good, but as an Addition to it: From hence it is plain, that *Spiritual Blessings* are, in the first Place, to be desired, and that such may be prayed for *absolutely*; and we may likewise petition for *Temporal* good Things; but then, as I said before, that must be done with *Submission* to the Will of God, whose Wisdom we are sure, knows what State and Condition of Life is better for us, than we do for ourselves.

Thirdly, We must consider the *Manner* of our Prayers.

1. They must be offered up with *Humility and Lowliness*. We must endeavour to possess our minds with a just Sense of our own Unworthiness, and how undeserving we are of the Mercies we pray for. And since by prayer we speak to God, the Consideration of his divine Majesty, and of our own Sins, which have placed us at such a Distance from him, ought to *humble* our Souls in his Sight; and since Man is composed of Body, as well as Soul, we ought, when it may be, to *worship* God with *both*, and therein to use such Pos-

tures of Body, as may best excite *Humanity* in ourselves and others; in *Publick*, the Posture of Kneeling is most fit and decent; in *Private*, we may use a greater Liberty; and if we find Prostration, or any other Posture, more apt to excite Devotion, we ought to use it.

And though many People's Condition may be such, that they cannot often have an Opportunity of Privacy and Retirement to fall upon their Knees, except at their Morning and Evening Prayers, yet a good Christian, that truly loves and honours God, and is sensible of his entire *Dependence* upon Him for Grace to resist Temptations, and to do his Duty, and to defend him against the *Evils* and *Calamities* of this Life, will never make that a Pretence for not frequently praying to Him; such an one, even in the midst of Business and Company, will be sometimes lifting up his Heart to God in *devout and pious Ejaculations*; and when alone (though walking or standing) will many times offer up a short and comprehensive Prayer to Him, such as that our *Saviour* has taught us, or some short Collect of the Church, or the like. No Condition of Life can hinder a devout Mind from this; and,

and, therefore, nothing should be made a Pretence for not doing it; and this will be *accepted by God*, when we have not an Opportunity to fall upon our Knees, and offer up a more solemn Prayer.

I hope, that no one will mistake me, as if I thought *Ejaculatory Prayer* proper only for People of Business; it is what I would recommend to all, even those of the greatest Leisure and Retirement, as being not only *very pleasing* in the Sight of God, but an *excellent Means* of keeping the Soul in a fit Disposition to pray to him in a more solemn manner.

2. Our Prayers must be offered up with *Fervency and Devotion*, which requires, that what we utter should come from the Heart; and, therefore, we must not pray in a cold, formal, and careless Manner; but with such Zeal and Earnestness, as is in some Measure suitable to the *Importance* of the Things we pray for; some of which are of that infinite Moment and Concern, that if we should not be heard, we are of all Creatures the most miserable: And though wandering Thoughts will be apt to intrude themselves into the Minds of the best Christians, yet these must be

laboured against, and lamented, and Pardon for them asked of God.

3. The last Qualification respecting the *Manner* of our Prayers, is *Constancy*. We must not pray by Fits and Starts, our Devotion should be constant and uniform. *We should pray always and not faint**, as our Saviour has taught us in the Parable of the *unjust Judge*, and never suffer the Fervour of our Minds to abate towards God; nor the Flame of our Devotion to languish or burn dim, but *continuing constant in † Prayer* (as the *Apostle* exhorts) *should watch thereunto with all Perseverance*.

These, I think, are the chief *Qualifications* necessary to make our Prayers a *Sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to God*. And he that has these Dispositions, and prays for such Things, and in such Manner as has been mentioned, may at all Times *come boldly to the Throne of Grace ‡* (as the *Apostle* speaks) not doubting but he shall *obtain Mercy, and find Grace to help in Time of Need*. But let him always remember, that it is through *Christ* that he must come; He is our *Advocate with the Father §*, and *appears in the Pre-*

* Luke xviii 1.

† Heb. iv. 16.

‡ Rom. xii. 12. Eph. vi. 6.

§ 1 John ii. 1.

sence of God for us *. And therefore in his *Name*, and through his *Merits*, all our Prayers must be offered up to God: For as *there is no other name under Heaven, whereby we can be saved*; so neither is there any other *Name*, not that of the greatest *Saint* or *Angel*, wherein we must pray, but in the *Name of Christ Jesus* only; who is the *Mediator of the new Covenant* †, and able to *save to the uttermost them that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make Intercession for us* ‡.

I have only this *Caution* to add to what I have said touching the *Duty and Qualifications* of Prayer; that though Prayer is an excellent *Means of Grace*, and a great *Instrument of Holiness*, yet we are to consider, that it is but the *Means* still; and therefore we must not *rest* in it, nor in any other *Means* of Religion, such as *Reading, Meditation, Receiving the Sacrament, &c.* (as too many, I doubt, do, who think, when they have said their Prayers, or been at the Sacrament, all is well, and they have nothing more to do) but we must to Prayer join our own *Endeavours*, and not imagine, that Prayers operate like a *Charm*, and will

* Heb. ix. 24. † Heb. xii. 24. ‡ Heb. vii. 25.

make a man good whether he will or no. Prayer indeed has a natural Tendency to promote a *Holy Life*, but Prayer alone will not do it; there is a great deal more required to make a Man a good Christian; he must *endeavour* to form in his Mind that inward *Purity and Holiness* which he prays for, and must strive and labour to attain that true Sanctification of his Nature, which is *the great End* of all Religion; in short, he must make it the chief Business of his Life, *to walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good Work, and increasing in the Knowledge of God**.

And now, what remains, but to exhort all Christians, as they have any Regard for the Happiness both of our *Souls and Bodies*; as they value the Favour of God, and would not deprive themselves of a *sure Refuge* in Times of Trouble and Temptation, nor fall under the Power and Dominion of their Lusts and Passions, *those cruel and tyrannical Masters* (to set us free from which, our Saviour vouchsafed to come into the World and die) that they would, in the *Apostle's* Sense, *pray without ceasing*; that is, not only

Col. i. 10.

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be very *frequent* in Prayer to God, but keep up in their Minds such a *devout and holy Flame*, that they may be always in a fit *Disposition* to pray : To intreat them, I say, that they would not neglect a Duty, which is attended with such unspeakable Advantages; but that they would *pray frequently* to God in private, and if they have *Families*, that they would every Morning and Evening pray to God with them too, and also join in the *Public Prayers* of the *Church*, as often as they can.

This, I am persuaded, is the most likely Way we can take, to procure the Favour of God, and to draw down the Blessings of his Providence upon ourselves and Families; this will make our Bodies the Temples of the Holy Ghost, and invite that *blessed Spirit* to take up his *Residence* in our Souls; in short, this will fill our Minds with Joy, and Peace, and Comfort in this World, and through the Mercy of God, and the Merits of his dear Son, will make us everlastingly happy in that which is to come.

I cannot conclude this Discourse, without acquainting the Reader, that when I recommend the Duty of Prayer, I would be understood to include in it that
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of *Praise* and *Thanksgiving*; which being a Thing so *excellent* in itself, so highly conducing to the Glory of God, and so suitable to the Nature of a Creature, it ought (without all doubt) to have a very *great Share* in our Devotions.

One would think indeed, there should be no Necessity of Recommending a Duty so pleasing in itself, and so agreeable to an ingenuous Mind; and yet whoever looks abroad into the World, will find that Men are very apt to overlook the Blessings of God, or, at least, very quickly to forget them; and then it is no Wonder, if they seldom or never return Thanks for them. *Were there not ten cleansed?* said our blessed Saviour *, when he healed the Lepers; *but where are the nine?* *There are not found that returned to give Glory to God, save this Stranger.* And was the Enquiry now to be made, I doubt the Disproportion would be much greater between *those* that receive Blessings from the Hands of God, and those that are truly thankful for them. What through the *Pride* of some, who think, that all they receive from God, is but the just Reward of their Merits; the *Covetous-*

ness and *Ambition* of others, who, from a greedy Desire of more, overlook what at present they enjoy; or from an unhappy *complaining Temper* in a third Sort, who (not content to take their Share of the ordinary 'Troubles and Cares of Life) expect that every Thing should conspire to make them easy: and being disappointed of this, are apt to undervalue the Blessings that God has bestowed upon them; or, lastly, from *the wicked and profane Lives* of many more, who being immersed in *Brbtishness* and *Sensuality*, have lost almost all Notions, not only of the Providence of God, but of the great Things he has done for us; I say, what from these, and such like *unhappy Causes*, it comes to pass, that the great Duty of *Praise and Thanksgiving* to God is very much *neglected*; and, I fear, even among *some*, who, in other Respects, are very careful of their Duty.

'Tis strange, I confess, that such a *weak and depending* Creature as Man is, that owes his Being, and all the Comforts of it, to the great *Love and Bounty* of his Creator, and that cannot possibly subsist one Moment, but by the Will and Power of God, should neglect to pay him the constant *Tribute* of *Praise and Thankf-*

Thanksgiving; this, I say, is strange, if we consider Man barely as a Creature, made and supported by the Almighty Arm of God, who upholds all Things by the Word of his Power.*

But then, how much more strange and surprising will this ungrateful Behaviour of Man appear to be, if we consider him as a Sinner, *redeemed* (as St. Peter says) *not with corruptible Things, as Silver and Gold,----but with the precious Blood of the Son of God.* If we look upon him under the different Character St. Paul gives of him†, to wit, *Once dead in Trespasses and Sins, walking according to the Prince of the Power of the Air, the Spirit that now worketh in the Children of Disobedience, having his Conversation in the Lusts of the Flesh, fulfilling the Desires of the Flesh, and of the Mind: a Child of Wrath, without Christ, an Alien from the Commonwealth of Israel, and a Stranger from the Covenant of Promise, having no Hope, and without God in the World: But now, in Christ Jesus, made nigh by the Blood of Christ, no more a Foreigner and Stranger, but a Fellow-Citizen with the Saints, and of the Household of God justified*

* Heb. i. 3.

† Ephes. ii.

by God, and having Peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ*. I say, if we consider Man with this *different View*, how much more astonishing is it, that a Sinner thus redeem'd, thus lov'd and honour'd, should ever be found wanting in Praise and Thanksgiving! It is the least Return that we can make to God for all his Goodness; and yet, if it proceeds from a truly *thankful Heart*, and is followed with a *sincere Obedience*, it is what he will most undoubtedly *accept*.

O let us then be persuaded frequently and seriously to think upon the great Things God has done for us! Let us endeavour to possess our Minds with a true Sense of his wonderful Love to Mankind, manifested in all his Works of *Creation* and *Providence*; but chiefly in that stupendious Work of our *Redemption*; let us think upon the *Breadth and Length, the Depth and Height of that Love of Christ, which passeth all Knowledge*; that our Hearts being inflam'd with the Divine Love, *we may praise the Lord for his Goodness†, and declare the Wonders that He doth for the Children of Men; that we may offer unto him the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving,*

* Rom. v. i.

† Psal. cvii. 21, 22.

and tell out his Works with Gladness; and may not only resolve with the holy Psalmist, That his Praises shall ever be in our Mouths: “ But that we will shew forth “ those Praises in our Lives also, by “ giving up ourselves to his Service, “ and by walking before him in Holiness and Righteousness all the Days “ of our Lives.”

This is what our Praises should always lead to, or else they will be but *vain Oblations*: For God is a *Regarder* of the Heart; and unless there is a Principle of *Love and Obedience* rooted there, the most exalted Praise, will never reach his Ears.



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*And JESUS spake a Parable unto them to this End, That Men
ought always to Pray, and not to FAINT.*

LUKE xviii. 1.

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*A Morning Prayer for a FAMILY
on the Lord's Day.*

✠✠✠✠ E praise and worship thee, O
✠✠ W ✠✠ Lord, the Creator of Heaven
✠✠✠✠ and Earth; for thou speakest
the Word, and all Things were
made; thou commandedst, and they were
created!

We admire and adore thy infinite Wis-
dom and Power in the Things thou hast
made, and we acknowledge our absolute
Dependence upon thee, and thy great
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Goodness and Bounty to us and all the World.

Blessed be thou, who didst so love the World, that thou gavest thine only begotten Son to redeem it, who was delivered for our Offences, and raised again (as on this Day) to justify and save all such as fear and obey thee.

We give Thanks to thee, O Lord, for all thy Mercies to our Souls and Bodies, for appointing one Day in seven for thy more peculiar Worship and Service. All possible Praise and Thanks be given to God, who created us; to Jesus Christ, who redeemed us; and to the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth us.

Grant, O Lord, that by a wise and religious Use of the Means of Grace, we may grow up to a State of Holiness and Righteousness, and that our Souls may be prepared for those glorious and delightful Praises, which in Heaven will be Part of the Happiness and Employment of thy Saint, to all Eternity.

O Lord, we confess that we have offended thee, by the negligent Performance of our holy Duties, by our Abuse of thy Grace, and mis-spending this thy Holy Day, and by many Sins committed

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mitted in the Course of our Lives. But let not this provoke thee to withdraw the Assistances of thy Holy Spirit from us, and to leave us to the Vanity and Folly of our own Minds. We humbly beseech thee, O most merciful Father, to forgive us all our past Offences. Do thou mercifully hear our Prayers, and let our Cry come unto thee.

Let our whole Behaviour on this Day be such, that there may be nothing thought, said, or done by us, but what may best serve to promote the End for which thou hast instituted it; and good God, make every one of us diligent, not only to save our own Souls, but as much as in us lies, the Souls of others too.

Bless thy Universal Church: Be thou graciously present in all Christian Assemblies throughout the World, and hear the Prayers they shall this Day put up, and make thy Word effectual to the pulling down the Kingdom of Satan, and to the edifying the Church of Christ in sound Faith and real Godliness. May thy Word come with Power into every Conscience, and have a due and saving Effect upon the Minds of all that hear it.

Bestow

Bestow a plentiful Portion of thy good Spirit upon all that by Sickness, Imprisonment, or any other lawful impediment, are kept from partaking of the Means of Grace that we enjoy ; and be pleased mercifully to relieve and succour them in all their Straits and Difficulties. Those that are troubled in Mind, do thou direct to proper Means to obtain Comfort and Satisfaction. Give all that have no Sense of thy Majesty, and live as it were without God in the World, awakening Convictions of the Dangers they are in, and the Miseries they are exposed to, that they may escape them.

Pardon our Sins and Imperfections, and relieve all our Wants, for the sake of Jesus Christ : in whose Words we farther pray ;

Our Father, &c.



A concluding Prayer.

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ;
and the Love of God : and the
Communion of the Holy Ghost be with
us all. *Amen.*

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*An Evening Prayer for a FAMILY
on the Lord's Day.*

✻✻✻ Eternally blessed, and infinitely
✻✻✻ E ✻✻✻ glorious Lord God who keepest
✻✻✻ ✻✻✻ Mercy for thousands, and for-
givest the Iniquities of all truly
penitent and returning Sinners ; we pre-
sent ourselves this Evening before Thee,
acknowledging our manifold Sins, where-
by we have exposed ourselves to thy just
Displeasure.

We have been unmindful both of our
Duty and Interest ; have broken thy
holy Law, dishonoured our holy Reli-
gion, and miserably neglected the great
Salvation thy blessed Son purchased and
procured for Mankind.

We have come without due Prepara-
tion to thy solemn Worship ; and been
heedless and unattentive in hearing thy
Word. O how cold and flat have we
been in thy Praises ! how earthly, dull,
and distracted in our Prayers !

How seldom have we been seriously
exercised in Holy Meditation ! How sel-
dom have we recollected the multiplied
Mercies to us, so as to become sensible

of the many Obligations we are under to thee for them; or so thought on our Ways, as to turn our Feet to thy Testimonies!

But, O Lord, we humbly pray thee, for Jesus Christ's Sake, to forgive us all our past Offences. Direct and guide us in the Ways of Truth and Holiness: And that we may always fear thee our God, help us to set thee always before us; and so to observe and consider thy All-seeing Eye, that we may dread to offend thee.

Reform whatever thou seest amiss in the Temper and Disposition of our Minds; and be thou graciously pleased to conduct us safe through all the Temptations and Troubles of this World. To this End, enable us strictly to follow the Example of Jesus Christ, and manfully to fight under his Banner, against the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, vigorously opposing, and valiantly conquering all the Enemies of our Souls. Help us, in Conformity to his Death, to die daily unto Sin, and in conformity to his Resurrection, to rise to a Life of Holiness and Obedience, that so we may receive the Prize of a glorious and incorruptible Inheritance.

O Lord, we render unto thee our most humble and thankful Acknowledgments, for thy many and undeserved Mercies. It was thy Hand that formed us. It was Thou that gavest us Life, and Breath, and Being. Our Food and Raiment, our Health and Strength, our Ease and Liberty, the Use of our Limbs, and the Exercise of our Reason and Understanding, are all derived from thee. We therefore render unto thee, O thou bountiful Giver of all Good, our Praises and Thanksgivings, for thy Temporal Mercies to us, which we are utterly unworthy of.

But above all, O Lord, we praise thee for thy spiritual Mercies ; for blessing us in heavenly Things in Christ Jesus, which tend to the renewing us after thy Likeness in this Life, and to the Sanctifying and Preparing us for that which is to come.

For ever blessed be thy Name, that our compassionate Redeemer took upon him our Human Flesh. We praise thee for his holy Doctrine and exemplary Life : that he gave himself to Death, to purchase our Redemption ; that he completed that great Work by his glorious Resurrection. We bless thee that he

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hath begotten us again to the lively Hope of an Inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, which is reserved in Heaven for all, who, by patient Continuance in well doing, seek for Glory, and Honour, and Immortality. We praise thee for his glorious Ascension into Heaven, there to intercede in thy Presence for us ; for sending the Holy Ghost to comfort and assist us ; for appointing a Succession of Men to preach and propagate the Knowledge and Practice of his heavenly Doctrine, and to administer the holy Sacrament, the Seals of thy Covenant.

We thank Thee, O heavenly Father, for all the precious Promises in the Gospel of thy Son, and that Thou hast made our Duty so necessary to our Happiness. Oh ! that we may all so effectually apply our Minds to the Consideration of thy manifold Mercies, that they may work in our Souls all those divine Virtues, Dispositions, and Affections, which they are designed by Thee to produce in us.

Extend thy Mercy, O God, to the whole World, that thy Name may be Great among the *Gentiles*, from the Rising of the Sun, unto the Going down of the same.

Bless

Bless thy Universal Church. Put an End to all Schism and Division, Strife and Contention; purify and cleanse it from Profaneness and Ungodliness, from Superstition, Heresy, and false Doctrine; and make it the Joy of the whole Earth.

Be gracious to these sinful Nations to which we belong; forgive our many and great Sins; and particularly, we pray Thee, pardon our Abuse of Time set apart for thy more immediate Worship; our Unthankfulness for the Light of thy Gospel, and walking contrary to its Precepts. Wash us thoroughly from our Iniquities, and cleanse us from our Sins: and grant, that by Unity and Charity, and Holiness of Life, we may glorify thy great Name, and adorn the Doctrine of God our Saviour in all Things.

Continue the Light of thy Gospel among us: Defeat and overthrow the Designs of evil Men, that would pervert the Truth of it.

Be thou pleased to further with thy Blessing all those good Designs that are for the Advancement of true Religion and Virtue. Let no Artifices of the Devil, or wicked Men, render them ineffectual.

Guide and defend our most Gracious Sovereign Lord King *G E O R G E*; let his Days be many, his Councils wise and religious, and his Reign happy to himself and People. Let a Sense of the inestimable Value of Souls, inspire all Bishops and Pastors, exciting them to promote and further the Salvation of Men, by Soundness of Doctrine, and Holiness of Life, and a due Administration of thy Holy Sacraments.

Let all Magistrates, and other inferior Officers, maintain and defend true Religion, encouraging Virtue and Goodness, and punishing and suppressing all Profaneness and Ungodliness; and let all Men follow after Peace and Holiness, without which no Man shall see thee.

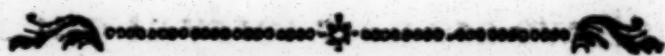
O thou that art the Father of Mercies, relieve all that are in Affliction, of any kind whatsoever; and grant that all may have Cause to say, It is good for them that they have been in Trouble.

Be gracious and favourable to us, that are here before thee; forgive us all our Sins, and remember not the Iniquities of our holy Things. Defend and protect us this Night from all those Dangers and Mischiefs that may justly overtake us: Refresh our frail Bodies with quiet

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quiet and moderate Rest, and help us in the renewed Strength thereof vigorously to serve Thee in the faithful Discharge of the Duties, of the following Day. And in that, and all other Days, enable us to live to thy Honour and Glory; that in the End of them, we may live with Thee, through our Lord Jesus Christ; in whose prevailing Name and Words we sum up all our Wants.

Our Father, &c.



A Morning Prayer for a Family, for any other Day in the Week.

✠✠✠ Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all Mankind, Giver of all spiritual Grace, the Author of Everlasting Life; we thine unworthy Servants desire to praise thy Name, for all the Expressions of thy Bounty towards us. We give thee Thanks, that thou hast preserved us from many and great Dangers, wherewith we have been encompassed; that Thou hast brought us safe to the Light of this Day; and that Thou hast refreshed us the past Night, with quiet Rest and Sleep.

Sleep. But above all, we bleſs thy holy Name, that Thou haſt given thy Son to die for our Sins, and to put us in a Way of being happy, if we obey Thee; and after all our wilful Abufe of thy Mercies, haſt ſtill Patience with us, to ſee if we will finiſh the Work Thou haſt ſet us to do, and fit our Souls for Eternal Glory.

Pardon, Good Lord, we beſeech Thee, all our former Sins, and all our Abuſes of thy Forbearance and Long-ſuffering, for which we are now ſorry at our Hearts. Give us Grace to lead more holy Lives, and to be more careful in improving all future Opportunities. Make Thyſelf preſent to our Minds, and let thy Love and thy Fear rule in our Souls, in all thoſe Places and Companies where our Occaſions ſhall lead us this Day.

Keep us chaste in all our Thoughts; temperate in all our Enjoyments; humble in all our Opinions of ourſelves; charitable in all our Speeches of others; meek and peaceable under all Provocations; ſincere and faithful in all our Profeſſions; and ſo juſt and upright in all our Dealings, that no Neceſſity may force, nor Opportunity in any Kind allure us to defraud, or over-reach our Neigh-

Neighbour. When Thou bestowest Good on others, let us not envy, but rejoice in it; and when Thou addest any to ourselves, let us own thy Mercy, and humbly thank Thee for it.

Afford us convenient Supplies in all our reasonable Necessities, and protect us against the Approach of all Dangers; make us diligent in our Affairs, and give such Success to our lawful Endeavours, as Thou seest best and most expedient for us; teach us contentedly to submit, and not to repine at any thing that happens by the Allotment of thy wise Providence.

In all our passage through this World, and our manifold Concerns in it, suffer not our Hearts to be too much fet upon it; but always fix our Minds upon the blessed Hope of everlasting Life, that as we go along, we may make all the Things of this World manifest to it, and be careful, above all Things, to fit our Souls for that pure and perfect Bliss, which Thou hast prepared for all that love and fear Thee, in the Glories of thy Kingdom.

Direct us in all our Actions, guard us against all Dangers, relieve us, in all Straits, and grant that we may always

make Thee our Confidence, and take all Things well that thou orderest for us. Shorten our Sorrows, and deliver us from all our Sins, for Jesus Christ's Sake; in the full Extent of whose Words, we pray to be heard both for ourselves, and for all Mankind.

Our Father, &c.



An Evening Prayer for a Family.

Almighty God, Father of our
 A Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all
 Things, Judge of all Men; we
 acknowledge and bewail our
 manifold Sins and Wickedness, which
 we from Time to Time most grievously
 have committed, by Thought, Word,
 and Deed, against thy divine Majesty.

Have Mercy upon us, O Lord, after
 thy great Goodness; according to the
 Multitude of thy Mercies do away our
 Offences; wash us thoroughly from our
 Wickedness, and cleanse us from our
 Sins; create and make in us new and
 contrite Hearts, that we worthily la-
 menting our Sins, and acknowledging
 our Wretchedness, may obtain of Thee,
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the God of all Mercy, perfect Remission and Forgiveness.

Grant us, O Lord, the Assistance of thy holy Spirit, that for the Time to come we may think and do always such Things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any Thing that is Good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to thy Will. Let thy Grace always so prevent and follow us, as to make us continually to be given to all good Works.

Help us, O Lord, to withstand the Assaults of the Enemies of our Salvation, the World, the Flesh, and the Devil; and with pure Heart and Mind to follow Thee the only God. Graft in our Souls the Love of thy Name, increase in us true Religion, nourish us with all Goodness, and of thy great Mercy keep us in the same. Grant that we may love the Things which they Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so among the sundry and manifold Changes of the World, our Hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found. Dispose us by all the Means of Grace we enjoy, to attain that everlasting Salvation Thou hast promised.

Teach us, O Lord, so to number our Days, that we may apply our Hearts unto Wisdom; that we may press forward toward the Prize of the high calling that is before us, with Faith and Patience, with Humility and Meekness, with Mortification and Self-denial, with Charity and constant Perseverance to the End; so that when we shall depart this Life, we may sleep in the Lord, and and at the general Resurrection in the last Day, we may receive that Blessing which thy beloved Son shall then confer upon all that truly love and fear thee.

Take us, O Lord, we beseech thee, into thy Protection this Night, and by thy great Mercy defend us from all the Perils and Dangers of it. Keep us both outwardly in our Bodies, and inwardly in our Souls, that we may be defended from all Adversities that may happen to the Body, and from all evil Thoughts that may assault and hurt the Soul.

Extend thy Goodness, O Lord, to the whole Race of Mankind. Have Mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Hereticks; take from them all Ignorance, Hardness of Heart, and Contempt of thy Word; and so fetch them home to thy Flock, that they may be saved

saved with thy People in the great Day of the Lord Jesus. Grant unto all them that are admitted into the Fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those Things that are contrary to their Profession, and follow all such Things as are agreeable to the same. Bless our most Gracious Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*, our gracious Queen *Charlotte*, his Royal Highness *George* Prince of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family; and all our Governors both in Church and State; that in their several Stations they may be useful and serviceable to thy Glory, and the Publick Good. We make our humblest Supplications to thee for all our Benefactors, Friends, and Relations, and also for our very Enemies; let thy Fatherly Hand be ever over them, and so lead them in the Knowledge and Obedience of thy Word, that in the End they may obtain everlasting Life. Look with an Eye of Pity and Compassion upon all those who are any wise afflicted in Mind, Body, or Estate; give them Patience under all their Sufferings, and in thy due Time a happy Issue out of all their Afflictions.

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And as we pray unto thee, O God, for ourselves and others; so we desire to bless and praise thy holy Name, for all thy Goodness and loving Kindness to us and to all Men. We give thee hearty Thanks for the Preservation of us the Day past, and the rest of our Lives, from innumerable Accidents and Dangers, for the Comforts and Conveniences, as well as the Necessaries of Life: But above all, we praise thee for the Redemption of the World, by the Death and Passion of our Saviour Christ, who did humble himself even to the Death of the Cross, for us miserable Sinners, who lay in Darkness, and in the Shadow of Death, that he might make us the Children of God, and exalt us to everlasting Life. Teach us to express our Thankfulness, by submitting ourselves entirely to thy holy Will and Pleasure, and by studying to serve thee in true Holiness and Righteousness all the Days of our Life. Accept, O Lord, of these our Prayers and Praises, in and through the Mediation of Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, who hast taught us, when we pray, to say,

Our Father, &c.

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Another Morning Prayer for a Family.

✠✠✠✠ Almighty and everlasting God, in
✠✠✠✠ A whom we live and move, and
✠✠✠✠ have our Being, and whose
Mercy is over all thy Works; we thy
needy Creatures, in a thankful Sense of
thy good Providence over us, do render
thee our humblest Praises for thy Preser-
vation of us from the Beginning of our
Lives to this Time. Blessed be thy
Holy Name for the continual Protection
of thy Hand, by which we have been
defended amidst the Changes and Miseries
of this mortal Life, and delivered from
innumerable Dangers, and particularly
from any evil Accident of the Night past.
To thy watchful Providence we wholly owe it, * that no
Disturbance hath come nigh
us, or our Dwelling; but that
we have enjoyed quiet and re-
freshing Sleep, and are brought
in Safety to the Beginning of
this Day. For these and all
other thy Mercies, our Souls
do bless and magnify thy glo-
rious Name, humbly beseeching thee to
accept

** When Dis-
turbances of any
kind befall a
Family, instead
of this say:*

*[That not-
withstanding
our Fears and
Dangers, we
are brought in
Safety to the
Beginning of
this Day.]*

accept this our Morning Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving, for the Sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

And since it is of thy Mercy, O gracious Father, that another Day is adding to our Lives; let us dedicate both our Souls and Bodies to thee and thy Service, to promote thy Glory and our own Salvation, in a sober, righteous, and godly Life.

But, Lord, thou knowest the Weakness and Corruption of our Nature, and the manifold Temptations that we daily meet with, we therefore humbly beseech thee to have Compassion upon our Infirmities, and to give us the constant Assistance of thy Grace and Holy Spirit, that we may be effectually restrained from Sin, and excited to our Duty. Suffer us not to be tempted above what we are able; and when thou seest us giving way to any Temptation, stretch forth thy helping Hand to save and deliver us. Imprint in our Hearts such a Dread of thy Judgments, and such a Love of thy Goodness towards us, as may make us both afraid, and ashamed to offend thee. And above all, keep in our Minds a lively Remembrance of that great Day in which we must give a strict Account
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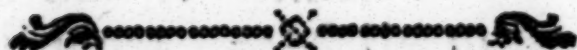
of our Thoughts, Words, and Actions, and according to the Works done in the Body, be either eternally rewarded or punished by him whom thou hast appointed Judge of Quick and Dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wherefore, we beseech thee, give us Grace to have thee and thy Law always before our Eyes, that we may walk therein according to thy Will, with Watchfulness and Circumspection. Keep us sober and temperate, and diligent in the several States and Conditions which thy Providence hath appointed for us. Grant us Patience under any Affliction thou shalt see fit to lay upon us, and Minds always contented with our present Condition. Give us Grace to be just and upright in all our Dealings, quiet and peaceable, full of Compassion towards the Needy and Afflicted, and ever ready to do good to all Men, according to the Abilities and Opportunities which thou shalt give us; that so walking faithfully before thee all our Days, and being found Watching whenever our appointed Time shall come, we may from a Life of Righteousness, be translated to Life and Bliss eternal.

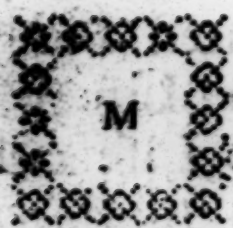
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And we humbly beg thy Blessing this Day upon our honest Designs and undertakings. Direct us in all our Ways, and prosper the Works of our Hands. Let thy good Providence watch over us, and preserve us in our Going out and Coming in. Defend us from all Dangers and Adversities, and be thou graciously pleased to take us, and all Things belonging to us, into thy Fatherly Care and Protection. These Things, O Lord, and whatever else thou seest needful and convenient both for our Souls and Bodies, we humbly beg of thee for the Sake of thy Son Jesus Christ; in whose most holy Name and Words we pray unto thee for ourselves and all Mankind.

Our Father, &c.



Another Evening Prayer for a Family.


 O S T Gracious and Merciful
 God, who art of purer Eyes than
 to behold Iniquity, and hast pro-
 mised Mercy and forgiveness to
 all them who confess and forsake their
 Sins;

Sins; we come before thee in an humble Sense of our own Unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold Transgressions of thy righteous Laws, in Thought, Word, and Deed; we have done those Things which thou hast forbidden, and left undone the Things which thou hast commanded; so that when we look back upon our past Lives, and remember that thou art privy to our most secret Sins, we are afraid of thy Judgments, and ashamed to lift up our Eyes unto thee.

But; O gracious Father, who desirest not the Death of a Sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in thy Son Jesus Christ; for the Merits of his Sufferings, be thou merciful to us, in the Pardon of our Sins; make us deeply sensible of the great Evil and Danger of them, and work in us a hearty Contrition: And grant that the Remembrance of them may be more grievous and afflicting to us, than of any other Evil whatsoever; that we worthily lamenting our Transgressions, and being brought to a hearty Repentance and Amendment of Life, may obtain Forgiveness at thy Hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent Sinners, for the Sake of
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thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer.

And lest through our own Frailty, or the Temptations that encompass us, we be drawn again to our former Sins, vouchsafe us, we beseech thee, the Direction and Assistance of thy Holy Spirit, that as thou hast put into our Hearts good Desires, so by the Help of thy Grace, we may bring the same to good Effect. Reform whatever thou seest amiss in the Temper and Disposition of our Souls; that no unlawful Designs, or inordinate Desires, may rest there. Purge our Hearts from Envy, Hatred, and Malice; that we may never suffer the Sun to go down upon our Wrath, but may always go to rest in Peace, Charity, and Good-Will, with a Conscience void of Offence towards thee, and towards all men; that so our Hearts being a fit Habitation for the Holy Spirit, he may continually dwell therein; and whether we wake or asleep, we may be under his blessed Influence, and have our whole Spirit, Soul and Body, preserved pure and blameless, unto the Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Accept, O Lord, as the Testimony of
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our Love and Charity, our hearty Intercessions for all Mankind. Let the Light of thy Gospel shine upon all Nations; and grant that all who have already heard and received it, may live suitably to it. Be more especially gracious to this Church and Nation whereunto we belong. Bless our most gracious Sovereign Lord KING *GEORGE*, our gracious Queen *Charlotte*, his Royal Highness *George* Prince of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family; and all who by thy Providence have Authority under him, both in Church and State; and so guide and direct them, that all their Designs and Undertakings may tend to the Advancement of thy Glory, and the Good and Welfare of this Church and Nation. Send down thy Blessings, Spiritual and Temporal, upon all our Relations, Friends, and Neighbours; reward all that have done us Good, and pardon all who have done or wished us Evil, and give them Repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any Trouble or Affliction, either of Mind, Body, or Estate; and do thou, who art the God of Pity and Compassion, administer to every one Help and Comfort, according to their several Necessities

cessities, for his Sake who went about doing Good to the Souls and Bodies of Men. thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We likewise add our unfeigned Thanks for all the Mercies which from Time to Time thou hast vouchsafed us. We bless thee for our Being, our Reason, and all other Endowments and Faculties of Soul and Body; for our Health, Friends, Food, and Raiment, and all the other Comforts and Conveniencies of Life. But above all, we adore thy tender Mercy in sending thy only Son into the World, to redeem us from Sin and eternal Death, and for giving us any Knowledge and Sense of our Duty towards thee. We bless thee for thy Patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great Provocations; for all the Directions, Assistances, and Comforts of thy Holy Spirit: for thy continual Care, and watchful Providence over us through the whole Course of our Lives; and particularly for the Mercies and Benefits of the Day past; humbly beseeching thee to continue these thy Blessings to us; and to give us Grace to shew our Sense of them, and all thy other Mercies, in a sincere Obedience to thy Laws.

And

And particularly, O Lord, we beseech thee to continue thy gracious Protection to us this Night. Into thy Hands we commend ourselves, our Souls and Bodies, our Substance, Dwelling, and all Things that belong to us: Do thou, O Gracious God, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, be pleased to take us, and all belonging to us, this Night into thy especial Care and Protection. Defend us from all Danger and Mischief, and from Dread and Fear of any; and grant that we may enjoy such quiet and refreshing Sleep, as may fit us for the Duties of the Day following. And, O Lord make us ever mindful of that Time, when we shall lie down in the Dust; and grant us Grace always to live in such a State, that we may never be afraid or unfit to die; but that whether we live, we may live unto thee; or whether we die, we may die unto thee; that so living and dying we may be thine through the Merits and Satisfaction of thy Son Jesus Christ; in whose prevailing Name and comprehensive Words, we continue to pray as he hath taught us.

Our Father, &c.

Another

Another Morning Prayer for a Family.

✠✠✠✠ Most Glorious and Eternal God,
✠ O ✠ thou art righteous in all thy
✠✠✠✠ Ways, and holy in all thy
Works, infinite in Mercy and
Goodness to all that call upon thee in
Truth; and hast promised that where
two or three are gathered together in
thy Name, thou wilt be in the midst of
them; look down, we beseech thee,
upon us thy unworthy Servants, who are
here before thee, to present unto thy
Divine Majesty the Morning Sacrifice of
our unfeigned Praises, acknowledging
that in thee we live, and move, and
have our Being; and that from thy
bountiful Hand we have received all the
good Things we enjoy, and by thy good
Providence are defended from the Evils
we deserve: We desire, O Lord, in an
humble Sense of thy great Goodness to-
wards us, to bless and praise thy Holy
Name; particularly we adore thy Glori-
ous Majesty, for preserving us this
Night past, for raising us up in Health
and Safety, and for giving us this Op-
portunity of calling upon thy Name.

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Give us Grace, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee, to make a right Use and Improvement of these and all thy other Mercies; and grant that we may henceforward live as become the Gospel of Christ, by denying all Ungodliness and wordly Lusts, and living soberly, righteously, and godly in this present World.

And because we are not able of ourselves to please thee, vouchsafe us, we beseech thee, the Assistance of thy Holy Spirit, enabling us to withstand all the Enemies and Hindrances of our Salvation. Enlighten our Understandings, that we may know thee; sanctify our Affections, that we may love thee; and put thy Fear into our Hearts that we may dread to offend thee. Convince us thoroughly, O Lord, of the great Evil of Sin, that we may endeavour in all Things to obey thy blessed Will, and to walk before thee in Holiness and Righteousness all our Days.

Wean our Affections, O Lord, from the Things of this World, and whatever our State and Condition may be here, give us Grace therewith to be content.

In all our Passage through this Life, and our manifold Concerns about it,

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grant that in doing our Duty, we make thee our only Stay and Confidence, our Hope and our Trust, casting all our Care upon thee and entirely resigning ourselves to thy good Pleasure in all Things.

Let our chief Aim and Endeavour be, to secure the Salvation of our Souls, and to provide against that Time, when all earthly Comforts shall vanish away.

We humbly commend ourselves, and all our Affairs this Day, to thy Protection and Blessing. Be with us in our Going out and Coming in, that no Casualty or evil Accident may come near to hurt us. Give us such a Measure of Health and other Temporal Blessings, as thou seest best and most expedient for us; but above all Things, give us thy Grace and Favour, that our Lives may be holy and comfortable here, and our Eternal State happy and glorious with thee hereafter; through the Merits, and for the Sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord; in the fullest Sense of whose Words, we recommend the Wants and Necessities of all Mankind, together with our own.

Our Father, &c.

Another Evening Prayer for a Family.

✠✠✠✠ Most Glorious and ever blessed
✠ O ✠ Lord God, who inhabitest Eter-
✠ ✠ ✠ nity, and dwellest in that Light
✠ ✠ ✠ which no mortal Eye can ap-
proach; we thy sinful Creatures kneeling
before thee, acknowledge we are not
worthy to appear in thy Presence, nor so
much as to lift up our Eyes to that
Place of Purity, where thou dwellest.
O Lord, though we are thus unworthy to
speak unto thee, yet so infinite and con-
descending is thy Goodness, as to encour-
age our Addresses to thee, by many gra-
cious Promises of thy Favour and accept-
ance; with humble Confidence then, O
Lord, we presume to approach the Throne
of thy Grace, humbly beseeching thee, in
the Name, and for the Sake of thy be-
loved Son, to be merciful unto us in the
Pardon and Forgiveness of all our Sins.

We acknowledge, O Lord, that we
have acted foolishly and wickedly, by do-
ing those Things which thou hast for-
bidden, and by neglecting to do those
Things which thou hast commanded:
O let that Mercy of thine, which has

spared us so long, lead us to Repentance, that we may forsake our evil Ways, and turn unto thee the Lord our God.

Give us Grace, O Lord, seriously to consider the great Work we have to do, and the Uncertainty of that Time which thou hast given us to perform it in, that we may not be so foolish as to consume our Days in Vanity and Folly, in gratifying our corrupt Inclinations, and indulging our vicious Appetites.

Show us the Foulness and Deformity of Sin, and possess our Minds with such a lively Sense of those dreadful Threatnings thou hast denounced against it, that we may abhor and forsake every evil Way, and give up ourselves to the Love and Obedience of thy Commandments, making it the great Study and Business of our Lives to serve and please thee in all Things; so shall we daily grow in Grace, and be continually advancing towards an happy Eternity.

Give us honest and upright Hearts, such as no Interest can seduce, no Advantage prevail upon to depart from the Ways of Truth and Justice; restrain us from all immoderate Desires of the Things of this World, from all Pride and Covetousness, from Envy, Hatred,
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and Malice, and from all Evil-speaking, Lying and Slandering.

O be thou pleased so to conduct us by thy good Spirit through all the Businesses and Employments, through all the Calamities and Troubles of this Life (that whatever our Condition may be in this World) we may attain that Happiness, which thou hast prepared for them that truly love and obey thee.

We beseech thee to extend thy Mercy to the whole Race of Mankind; make the Light of thy Gospel to shine among them; and deliver us from all Ignorance, Error, and Profaneness, and grant us Grace and Eternal Life.

Be gracious to this Church and Nation to which we belong; give us all Grace seriously to repent of the Evil of our Ways, and grant that Religion and Virtue, Peace and Charity, may for ever flourish and increase among us.

Bless our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, and all in Authority under him, both in Church and State. May all their Designs tend to the Advancement of thy Glory, and the Happiness and Prosperity of these Kingdoms!

Look with Pity and Compassion, O Lord, upon all in Affliction and Temp-

tation; strengthen and support them, and give them in thy good Time a happy Deliverance.

Be merciful, O God, to all our Relations, Friends, and Acquaintance; forgive our Enemies, reward our Benefactors, and grant that we and all thy People every where may serve thee from the highest to the lowest, and be made Partakers of everlasting Happiness.

To these our Prayers and Intercessions, we desire to add the Sacrifice of our unfeigned Praises to thy Divine Majesty, acknowledging it to be our bounden Duty, and Service, at all Times, and in all Places, to give Thanks unto thee, to whose infinite Goodness and Mercy we owe all the Comforts of this Life, and all the Hopes and Expectations of a better.

Blessed be thy Name, O God, for the Continuance of thy Mercies to us this Day; for providing for our Bodies, and taking Care for our Souls; and for delivering us from those many Evils that we have justly deserved; but above all, we bless and praise thy holy Name, for thine inestimable Love in the Redemption of the World by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; humbly beseeching thee

thee of thy great Goodness, O Lord, to pass by our unworthiness of these thy Mercies, and to continue to us thy gracious Favour and Protection; keep us, we beseech thee, this Night, under the Shadow of thy Wings, that no evil Accident may come near to hurt us. Give us quiet and refreshing sleep, such as may fit us for the Duties of the Day following; and if thou art pleased to add another Day to our Lives, grant that we may improve it to thy Glory, and the Benefit of our precious Souls; through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



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P E R S O N S in P R I V A T E,

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Every D A Y in the W E E K.

A preparatory Prayer.

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Lessed Lord! who hast com-
manded and invited us to pray
unto thee; O let thy Spirit help
my Infirmities; and do thou so
dispose my Mind, and prepare my Heart,
that my Prayers and Praises may be ac-
ceptable in thy Sight, through the Me-
diation, and for the Sake of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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A Prayer for Sunday Morning.

✠✠✠✠✠ O God, who art the Giver of all good Gifts, and the Father of Mercies, I thy unworthy Servant adore thy glorious Majesty, for those marvelous Instances of thy Love, which thou hast in all Ages shewn to the Sons of Men: In all thy Dealings and Dispensations towards us, thou hast manifested thyself to be a most kind and compassionate Father; thou hast provided for the Comfort and Support of our Bodies, and shewn a most tender Care and Concern for the Welfare and Happiness of our immortal Souls: In great Mercy to them, thou didst appoint one Day in Seven for thy more peculiar Worship and Service; that so by a frequent and religious Observance of the Christian Sabbath here on Earth, we might be better fitted and prepared to celebrate that Eternal Sabbath of everlasting Rest, which thou hast reserved for us hereafter.

For this, O Lord, and all the other Testimonies of thy Love, which thou hast shewn to me, and all Mankind, I

desire with an humble and thankful Heart to bless and praise thy holy Name ; and more especially for that inexpressible Instance of thy Love, the sending thy Son Christ Jesus into the World, to be the Propitiation for our Sins.

I bless thee, O Lord, for thy great Goodness in preserving me the Night past from all Perils and Dangers, and bringing me in Health and Safety to the Beginning of this holy Day.

O my God, give me Grace to make a right Use and Improvement of this, and all other Opportunities thou art pleased to put into my Hand ; pardon, I most humbly beseech thee, my Unprofitableness under the Means of Grace ; and O merciful Father, let not my Sins provoke thee so far, as to deprive me of the Helps and Advantages of thy divine Institution ; but grant, O Lord, that I may spend this and all other Times set apart for thy more immediate Service, in such a holy and religious Manner, as may promote thy Honour and Glory, and set forward the Salvation of my Soul : And that I may be enabled so to do, O let thy Grace and Holy Spirit be always present with me, for of myself I am not able to please thee.

Give

Give me awful Thoughts of thy divine Majesty, and such an humble, serious, and devout Frame of Mind, that when I attend upon the Public Service of thy Church, no vain or tumultuous Thoughts may distract my Devotion, nor any Dulness or Weariness seize upon my Spirits; but from a true Sense of my own Unworthiness, and of my entire Dependence upon thee for the Supply of all my Wants, I may pray unto thee, and praise thee with most devout and hearty Affections, and may offer unto thee a lively Sacrifice, holy and acceptable in thy Sight.

Suffer me not, O merciful Father, to rest in a mere outward Form of Godliness; but grant, that I may endeavour more and more to have my Heart animated and enlivened with the Spirit and Power of Religion, and to become a true Disciple of the blessed *JESUS*: by imitating his Example; observing his Precepts; and making it the constant and principal Care and Concern of my Life, to promote thy Honour, and my own and others Salvation.

Let thy good Spirit, O Lord, be powerfully assisting to the Labours and Endeavours of those, to whom thou hast com-

mitted the Care of Souls, particularly of him, under whose Ministry thy Providence has placed me.

Give thy Blessing to thy Holy Word preach'd, and remove from me, and all that attend thy holy Ordinances, all Prejudices and Indispositions of Mind, that nothing may hinder its due and saving Efficacy upon our Souls. Give us that humble and teachable Spirit, which becomes them that would learn of thee; and O let every good Instruction that shall this Day be given us, sink deep into our Hearts, and bring forth in us the Fruits of a holy and religious Life, that we may not be Hearers of thy Word only, but Doers also, lest we deceive our own Souls.

Be with me, O Lord, this Day in all Places, and upon all Occasions: Direct and guide me, sanctify and preserve me. Keep me both outwardly in my Body, and inwardly in my Soul. Defend me from the Power and Malice of the Devil, from the Corruptions of my own sinful Nature, and from those Sins especially that do most easily beset and ensnare me. Free my mind from the Disturbances of Passion and Anger, and all perplexing Thoughts and Cares; and so strengthen
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it by thy Grace and Holy Spirit, that nothing may hinder or discompose me in my Duty, or render me unfit for thy Service. Let me no ways profane this thy holy Day, either in Thought, Word, or Deed; but give me Grace to spend it in such a holy and religious Manner, that every Day of my Life may be the better for it; and when I come to the Conclusion of this Day I may look back with Joy and Comfort, in an humble Hope of thy Divine Acceptance, through the Merits and Mediation of my dear Redeemer, Jesus Christ the Righteous. *Amen.*

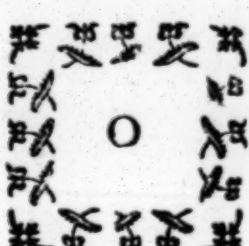
Our Father, &c.

A Master or Mistrefs of a Family may very properly add this short Prayer.

✠✠✠✠✠ MAKE me duly mindful, O
 ✠ M ✠ Lord, of all those that are un-
 ✠✠✠✠✠ der my Care; and grant that
 none of my Family may, thro'
 any Neglect of mine, be ever
 wanting in their Duty towards thee.
 Let the Care of my own Soul be extended
 likewise to a Concern for theirs; and
 give me such a Zeal for thy Glory, such
 a true Regard for the Salvation of others,
 that

that I may endeavour (as much as in me lies) to promote Religion and Piety in all about me. Convince me truly, O Lord, how much it is my Duty, as well as Interest, that I and my House should serve thee; that we should daily offer up our united Prayers and Praises at the Throne of Grace, and especially upon this Day, set apart more peculiarly for thy Service. Be in the Midst of us, O Lord, when we assemble ourselves together; send thy Blessing upon all our religious Duties; and grant that not only the Form, but the Power of true Religion, may be visible among us, to our great Comfort in this World, and our Eternal Happiness in that which is to come. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's Sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

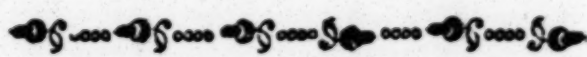
A Prayer for Sunday Noon, or any intermediate Time of the Day.

 **G**OD! who art rich in Mercy to all that call upon thee; and hast bid us pray without ceasing, and rejoice evermore.

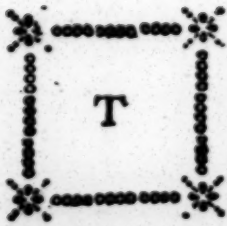
In Obedience to that Command, and encouraged by thy gracious Promises, I again approach thy Presence: To renew my request unto thee; to bless thy holy Name; to make Profession of my Love to thee, and of my Readiness in all Things to obey thee. Quicken my Affections, O Lord, that I may be excited to a more free and joyful Attendance upon thee in all holy and religious Duties; that no Dulness nor Weariness may seize upon my Spirits; but such a perfect Love to thee may possess my Heart, as may render all the Employments of Religion pleasant and delightful to me, and the doing thy Will my greatest Joy and Satisfaction.

Pardon, O Lord, I most humbly beseech thee, all my Indispositions; accept my imperfect Services; and grant that my Attendance upon the Publick Service of the Church, may dispose me to

to be more circumspect and watchful in the whole Course of my Life ; more diligent and industrious in thy Service, and more forward and zealous in the Performance of every Part of my Duty ; that being led by thy Counsel, governed by thy Spirit, and preserved by thy gracious Providence, I may at last be admitted into the Company of the Blessed ; there to perfect my Praises and Acknowledgments, and to receive the Reward of patient Continuance in well doing, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Short Heads of Examination for every Evening.

‘  HAT your whole *Life* may
‘ be more conformable to the
‘ *Gospel* of *Jesus Christ*, by
‘ which we must be judged ;
‘ and that you may have less to do, when
‘ you set a Time apart for more *solemn*
‘ *Examination*, it has been advised by
‘ wise and good Men, that we should
‘ every Evening put some such Questions
‘ as these to ourselves, which are chiefly
‘ transcribed out of that excellent Book,
‘ entitled,

‘ entitled, *A Companion for the Festivals*
‘ *and Fasts of the Church.*

How have I spent the Day past?
What Sin have I committed?

Have I performed my Morning Devotion? and how?

Have I resigned myself to the All-wise Government and Disposal of God, to be ordered and ruled by him, and to do or suffer his Will?

Have I conversed with Candour, Affability and Sincerity?

Have I kept at a Distance from Detraction, Slander, and Evil-speaking?

Have I had sufficient Care in my Commendation of others, so as to give no Encouragement to any evil Practice?

How have I employed or improved my Time?

With what Honesty and Fidelity have I discharged the Affairs in which I have been engaged?

If I have diverted myself, have I done it innocently, and in such Manner and Measure as is suitable to my Christian Profession?

Have I been guilty of any Excess in Eating, or Drinking, or Sleep?

What Mercies have I received. How
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thankful have I been, and am I for them?
What Temptations have I resisted?

What Ground have I got of the Sin
that doth most easily beset me?

How have I governed my Passions?
Have I not been too easily provoked by
little Accidents which daily happen?

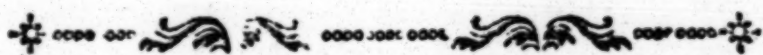
What Opportunities have I had of do-
ing Good? and how have I improved
them?

What Opportunities have I had of dis-
couraging Evil, and how have I opposed
it?

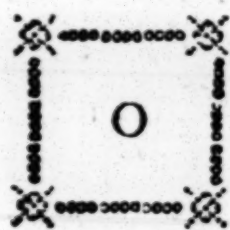
‘ To these Questions, you may add
‘ such others as you find useful. If you
‘ recollect the whole Time of the Day
‘ from your rising (for which a few Mi-
‘ nutes before your Evening Devotions
‘ will suffice) you will very easily be ena-
‘ bled to answer the preceding Questions;
‘ and when you have done this, you must
‘ heartily beg God’s Pardon for any Sins
‘ you have been guilty of, and shew your-
‘ self thankful for those Blessings, respect-
‘ ing either this or another Life, which
‘ he hath bestowed on you

‘ Some have written down the Sins
‘ they have been guilty of, that they
‘ might again humble themselves at the
‘ Time

‘ Time of their more solemn Humilia-
‘ tion; which may be farther useful;
‘ for by comparing one Time with ano-
‘ ther, you will better discern the Amend-
‘ ment of your Life, and Growth in
‘ Christian Virtue; but of the Useful-
‘ ness and Expediency of this Method,
‘ every Person is left to judge for him-
‘ self.”



A Prayer for Sunday Evening.



Most Great, most Glorious,
and Eternal God! Thou art
the Sovereign Lord of Heaven
and Earth; in whom we live
and move, and have our Be-
ing, and from whom are derived all the
Comforts and Conveniencies of this Life,
and all our Hopes and Expectations of a
better.

With what Awfulness and Humility,
with what Fear and Reverence, ought
I to appear before thee, when I consider
the Greatness of thy Majesty, and the
Purity of thy divine Nature; that thou
hast no Pleasure in Wickedness, but
hatest all the Workers of Iniquity, and
that such as be foolish shall not stand in
thy Sight?

O Lord!

O Lord ! I acknowledge that I am not worthy to come into thy Presence, nor to lift up my Eyes towards the Throne of thy Mercy-seat. My Sins and Transgressions are many, and divers of them have been often repeated ; the Corruption of my Heart, and the Sinfulness of my Thoughts are perfectly known to thee ; and the Punishment due unto my Sins, is greater than I am able to bear.

I confess, O Lord, that I have not loved thee with that Sincerity, nor served thee with that Faithfulness that I ought to have done. The Interests of this Life have been so much my Care and Concern, as to make me negligent and remiss in the great and important Work of my Salvation.

How many Duties have I omitted, or performed with Coldness and Indevotion ! How often have I been a Hearer of thy Word only, and not a Doer ! How often, both in publick and private, have I pray'd, when my Heart has been far from thee ! This very Day, O Lord, thou hast given me an Opportunity of serving thee in thy House ; but, alas ! my Services there have been accompanied with so many Failings, so many Imperfections,
that

that I have just Cause to humble myself before thee,

O Lord! if thou shouldst deal with me as I have deserved, how justly may'st thou deprive me of all those Means of Grace and Opportunities of working out my Salvation, which thou hast hitherto vouchsafed me? But, O merciful Father! thou hast declared thyself to be a God Merciful and Gracious, forgiving Iniquity, Transgression, and Sin. My only Hope, therefore, is in thy tender Mercies, which have been ever of old; and in that Pity and Compassion, which thou hast shewn to Mankind, in the Redemption of the World, by the Death of thy dear Son. For thy Name's Sake then, O Lord, and for thy beloved Son's Sake, pardon, I most humbly beseech thee, all my past Sins, and let not Iniquity be my Ruin. Forgive the Deadness of my Devotion; the Coldness of my Affections; the Wanderings of my Prayers; and whatever else thou hast seen amiss in me. O pity my Weakness, and forgive my Infirmities, and lay not to my Charge the Imperfections of my religious Duties.

Enable me, O Lord, by the Assistance of thy good Spirit, to amend whatever has been amiss, and to endeavour more
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and more after the Attainment of all those Graces and good Dispositions which are necessary to render our Prayers and Praises acceptable in thy Sight.

O let me never fall into a careless and unconcerned State of Mind ; into a Coldness and Indifferency towards the Duties of Religion ; but animate and enliven my sluggish Heart, and cleanse it from all its Defilements : O ! replenish my Soul with the Graces of thy Holy Spirit ; that I may become vigorous and active in thy Service, and fruitful in every good Work.

Give me, O Lord, such a lively Sense and Conviction of the Shortness and Uncertainty of this Life, and of the momentous Concerns of Eternity ; that I may not be so foolish, as to waste my precious Time in an eager Pursuit after the Things of this World ; but grant that I may employ it in such a Manner as may best promote thy Honour and Glory ; and set forward mine own Salvation. O make me so wise, as to see, and know, and follow the Things that make for my Peace, lest they be hid from mine Eyes, and all Opportunities of reconciling myself to thee my offended God be far from me.

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Let the Salvation of my precious Soul be my constant Care and Concern ; grant that I may never forget the one Thing needful ; but give all Diligence to make my Calling and Election sure ; that endeavouring in all Things to approve myself thy faithful Servant, I may from serving thee here upon Earth, be admitted, in thy good appointed Time, to the praising thee eternally in thy everlasting Kingdom, through the Merits of my compassionate Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



The Intercession.

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ GOD, who art loving unto every
✠ O ✠ Man, and whose Mercy is over
✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ all thy Works ; I beseech thee
to extend thy Pity and Com-
passion to the whole Race of Mankind :
Let the bright Beams of the Gospel
shine into all the Corners of the Earth ;
that those that sit in Darkness may come
to the Knowledge and Practice of thy
Laws, and their Souls be saved in the
great Day of the Lord Jesus.

More particularly, O Lord be merci-
ful to these Nations to which I belong :
Pardon our great and crying Sins, and
and avert from us the Evils which we
have most justly deserved : Put a Stop to
all Profaneness, Irreligion, and Impiety ;
to all our unhappy Strifes and Animosi-
ties ; and let Truth and Righteousness,
brotherly Love and Charity, flourish and
increase among us.

Be gracious to thy holy Catholick
Church ; and especially that Part of it,
which thou has planted in these King-
doms : Heal the Breaches and Divisions
of it ; and grant that it may flourish
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and abound in true Piety and Virtue, Peace and Charity.

Bless especially our Sovereign Lord the King, protect his Person, direct his Councils, prosper his Government, and make him an Instrument, in thy Hands, of great Good to these Kingdoms.

Inspire the Pastors and Governors of thy Church, with a Spirit of true Religion and Goodness, and make them zealous and diligent to promote it, in all those who are under their Charge.

Bless the Magistrates, the Nobility, Gentry, and Commons of these Realms. Grant that they may all study to serve thee, and to discharge the Duties of their several Stations, always remembering the great Account which they must one Day give.

Be merciful, O God, to all that are in any Affliction or Distress; that labour under Poverty or Persecution; under bodily Pains or Diseases, or under Temptation or Trouble of Mind; be pleased, O Lord, to support and comfort them, and in thy good Time to deliver them, according to thy great Mercy.

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Send down the Graces of thy Holy Spirit upon all my Friends and Relations; [*Let this be varied as every one stands related.* *Particularly my Father and Mother, my Brothers and Sisters; my dear Wife and Children*] pardon all our Sins; unite our Hearts in a mutual Love of each other; and vouchsafe to every one of us, (and all others that either pray for me or desire my prayers) whatever thy infinite Wisdom knows to be most needful and expedient both for our Souls and Bodies. Reward all those who have been any ways instrumental to my Good: and forgive those that have done, or wished me Evil, and grant them Repentance and better Minds.

And now, O merciful Father, I offer up to thy Divine Majesty my *The thanksgiving.* unfeigned Praises, in return for all those numberless Mercies and Benefits which thou hast vouchsafed me; more particularly I bless thy holy Name for the Mercies of the Day past; for whatever Sin I have escaped, and whatever Good I have done; for preserving me in Health and Safety; for providing so plentifully for me; for continuing

continuing to me the Enjoyment of so many Comforts; and for delivering me from the Evils which I have most justly deserved, and to which I am continually exposed. But above all, I bless and magnify thy holy Name for the Foundation of these and all thy other Mercies, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, give me Grace to make a right Use and Improvement of all thy Mercies. *A Prayer for God's Protection the ensuing Night.* Vouchsafe me the Continuance of thy Favour and Protection: Take me this Night under the Care of thy good Providence; preserve me from all Evil, but especially from that of Sin; keep me from Fire and Thieves, and from every Adversity of Soul and Body; and after the comfortable Refreshments of Rest and Sleep; raise me up, I humbly pray thee, in Health and Safety, with a Heart full of Love to thee, and Zeal to thy Service, through Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour and Redeemer; in whose prevailing Name, and in the fullest Sense of whose Words, I pray to be heard,

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer for Monday Morning.

✠✠✠✠ Father of Mercies, and God of
✠ O ✠ all Comfort! thou art the sweet
✠✠✠✠ Refreshment of our Souls, and
the constant Preserver and Support of our Bodies: By thee have I been holden up ever since I was born; and by thy Goodness it is, that I have been preserved the Night past from all Perils and Dangers, and that my frail Body has been refreshed with quiet and comfortable Rest. Great and numberless have been thy Mercies to me, O God; for which I desire, with an humble and thankful Heart, to bless and praise thy holy Name.

O that a Sense of thy Goodness may be always present to my Mind; that so the Remembrance of thy past Favours may beget in me such an humble Reliance on thy Fatherly Care and good Providence, that I may perfectly resign myself to thy Disposal in all Things, and entirely submit to all thy Dealings and Dispensations towards me.

I confess, O Lord, that I am not worthy of the least of all thy Mercies; and
if

if thou should deal with me as I have deserved, I could expect nothing from thee but the Severities of thy Wrath and Displeasure: But, O thou! whose Property is always to have Mercy, be not extreme, I beseech thee, to mark what I have done amiss; but for thy dear Son's Sake, pardon all my Sins, and receive me to thy Favour, without which, I am of all Creatures the most miserable. And, O let me never abuse thy Patience, nor despise thy Goodness; but let thy Fear be always before my Eyes, that I may not sin against thee; but giving up myself entirely to thy Service, I may endeavour in all Things, to obey thy blessed Will, and to keep a Conscience void of Offence both towards thee, and towards all Men.

To this End, O Lord, vouchsafe me the Assistance of thy Holy Spirit, for of myself I am not able to please thee; my Nature is corrupt, and miserably prone to what is evil; I am every way beset with Temptations, and my own Experience sadly teaches me, how easily I am drawn away by the deceitful Tempter. But, O thou who art the Saviour of all that put their Trust in thee, deliver me, I beseech thee,

thee from that cruel Enemy of my Soul, who is daily lying in wait to destroy me; be thou my strong Hold whereunto I may always resort, and evermore mightily defend me; thou hast been my Succour ever since I was born, O leave me not to myself, neither forsake me, O God of my Salvation. Lead me, I beseech thee, in the Way wherein I should go; guide me by thy right Hand; and conduct me safely through the dangerous Snares and Temptations of this deceitful World; and though thou shouldst permit me to fall into severe Trials, yet suffer me not, I beseech thee, to be tempted above what I am able to bear.

Let no Calamity ever drive me from thee, nor any Prosperity cause me to forget thee; but grant that all thy Providences towards me may work together for my Good, and be a powerful Means to bring me to thyself, and to an entire Dependence upon thee; assuredly believing, that all my Concernment are in the best and safest Hands, when they are under the Care and Disposal of thy infinite Wisdom and Goodness.

O Lord! let not the World get Possession of my Heart, which has been so often dedicated to thy Service. Let not
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those Pomps and Vanities which I have
ject of my foolish Desires; but be thou,
O God, my only Joy and my Delight,
so solemnly renounced, become the Ob-
my Stay and Support, my Hope and my
Trust, my Rest and Comfort in this
World, and my eternal Bliss and Hap-
piness in that which is to come.

O Lord, I humbly beg thy Blessing
this Day upon all my honest Designs and
Undertakings; direct me in all my Ways,
that I may take nothing in Hand but
what is agreeable to thy blessed Will.
Let not worldly Interest or Advantage
ever prevail upon me to depart from my
Integrity; but amidst the various Affairs
of this Life, give me Grace to set thee
always before my Eyes, that I may not
sin against thee. Thou knowest, Lord,
the Weaknesses of my corrupt Nature;
O let thy holy Spirit powerfully restrain
me from those Sins that are most apt to
betray and ensnare me: [* *par-* * *Here may*
ticularly] Preserve me in my *be named the*
Going out and Coming in, and *Sins you are*
let no Casualty or evil Acci- *most prone to.*
dent befall me. Be thou graciously pleased
to take me, and all belonging to me,
into thy Fatherly Care and Protection:
Keep us in Health and Safety, in Peace

and Innocence, in Love and Charity; and grant that whilst we are passing through Things Temporal, we may be daily preparing for those better Things that are Eternal, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord, and only Saviour; in whose Name and Words, I commend to thy Mercy and Protection, myself and all Mankind.

Our Father, &c.



A Prayer for Monday Noon, or any Intermediate Time of the Day; for God's Grace to persevere in a Christian Course of Life.

Most gracious and blessed Lord God! Thou art the Author and Finisher of every good Work; without Thee nothing is strong, nothing is holy; without thy preventing and assisting Grace, we are but as Dust before the Wind, carried to and fro, and easily driven away by every slight Temptation.

O Lord, I am thy Servant, dedicated to Thee long ago by holy Baptism, and devoted to thy Obedience by those solemn Engagements, which were then made on my Behalf, and which I have since [often] renewed

renewed at thy holy Table, from a serious Sense and Conviction, that thy Service is the most perfect Freedom, and that without thy Favour and Love, I am of all Creatures the most miserable.

O my God! I am fully persuaded, that it is my Happiness and Privilege, as well as my Duty, to love, adore, and serve Thee. I am seriously convinced, that there is no Pleasure like that of a good Conscience; and that the greatest Satisfaction in this World, are not worthy to be compared with that Fulness of Joy, which is in thy Presence for evermore: But, alas! I am sensible that my Nature is corrupt; and I know by sad Experience, that I am too prone to offend thee, and too apt to forget the Vows and Resolutions, which I have made to serve and obey Thee.

I beseech Thee therefore, O most merciful Father, who knowest whereof we are made, and rememberest that we are but Dust, that thou wouldst be pleased, of thy great Goodness, to pity the Weaknesses of thy poor Creature, and to vouchsafe me the Assistance of thy Grace and Holy Spirit, that I may not be tempted above what I am able to bear, but through thy Almighty Power may

be enabled to persevere in my Christian Warfare, and successfully to encounter those Enemies of my Soul, the World, the Flesh, and the Devil.

O let me never faint, or tire in my Duty, nor for the Sake of any thing this World can offer me, be unmindful of the great and important Concern of my Salvation. Give me such a Zeal for thy Service, that the doing thy Will may be my greatest Joy and Satisfaction; and imprint on my Mind such a lively Sense of thy Love, as may inflame my Heart with the most devout and ardent Affections; that being every Day more and more weaned from this World, I may look upon all its Honours, Pleasures, and Profits, with that Coldness and Indifference, which becomes the Servant of the blessed Jesus.

Root out of my Heart, O God, by the powerful Efficacy of thy Grace, all Pride, and Envy, and Covetousness; all Bitterness, Anger, and Malice, and whatever else is contrary to the Laws and Precepts of the Gospel; and sow in my Mind the Seeds of true Religion and Goodness, that I may bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit, Love, Joy, Peace, Long-suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith-

Faithfulness, Meekness, Temperance, and be fruitful in every good Word and Work, and that my whole Life may be one continued Act of an humble and dutiful Obedience to thy Divine Commandments.

O Lord, strengthen my Faith, fortify my Mind, and give me an honest and upright Heart, that nothing may be ever able to shake my integrity; but that notwithstanding all the Allurements and Temptations of this World, I may continue stedfast and unmoveable, always abounding in the Work of the Lord; that being faithful unto Death, I may at last obtain that Crown of Righteousness, which thou hast promised to them, who by patient Continuance in Well-doing, seek for Glory, and Honour, and Immortality, through the Merits and for the Sake of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Monday Evening.

✱✱✱✱ Thou Great and Glorious God,
✱ O ✱ who takest Pleasure in those that
✱✱✱✱ come unto thee with Faith; look
down, I beseech thee, with Pity
and Compassion upon me, who fall low
on my Knees before thee, confessing that
my Life has been in divers Instances
very provoking to thy Divine Majesty.

What shall I say unto thee, O thou
Preserver of Men! O let the infinite Me-
rits of my dear Redeemer make Satisfac-
tion for me; and for his Sake, I most
earnestly beseech thee, to be merciful
unto me in the Pardon and forgiveness
of all my Sins. Lay not to my Charge,
O Lord, the Sins which I have this Day
been guilty of; but let those, and all
other the Follies of my Life past, be for
ever blotted out of thy Remembrance;
and receive me, I beseech thee, into thy
Favour, which I value above all the Hap-
piness of this World.

Give me a lively Sense of the Folly
and Danger of Sin, that I may truly and
sincerely abhor that which is Evil, cleave
to that which is Good, and with an un-
wearied

wearied Diligence follow after the Things which make for my everlasting Peace.

But, O Lord, because I am a weak and frail Creature, and am encompassed about with many Temptations, O do thou vouchsafe to strengthen and assist me with thy Grace, that through thy most mighty Power, I may be enabled to withstand all the Allurements of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil : [particularly---*here name the Sins you are most prone to.*] Let thy Holy Spirit direct and rule my Heart, that I may think and do always such Things as be rightful, and please thee both in Will and Deed.

Thou never failest to help and govern them, who fly unto thee for Succour ; O keep me, I beseech thee, under the Conduct of thy good Providence, and make me to have a perpetual Fear and Love of thy holy Name, that I may never dare to do any Thing that would offend thee, but be at all Times ready to obey thy blessed Will, and cheerfully to accomplish those Things which thou wouldst have me to do.

Let no Difficulties or Dangers in my Christian Warfare, affrighten me from my Duty ; but give me such a Courage and Resolution as will support me under

all Discouragements, carry me through all Trials, and enable me to triumph over the great Enemy of my Salvation; that having by thy Divine Assistance fought the good Fight, and finished my Course, I may at last receive that Crown of Glory, which thou hast promised to thy faithful Soldiers and Servants, through the Merits, and for the Sake of the great Captain of our Salvation, Jesus Christ the Righteous.

Extend thy Mercies, O Lord, to the whole Race of Mankind, and in a more particular Manner be gracious to this Church and Nation; bless all Degrees of Men among us, from the highest to the lowest, and more especially thy Servant, our Sovereign Lord the King. And grant that every one, from the highest to the lowest, may faithfully endeavour to promote thy Glory, and the Public Good.

Look with Pity and Compassion upon all in Affliction; strengthen and support them under their Troubles, and give them, in thy good Time, Ease and Deliverance.

Bless all my Friends and Relations, [*more particularly * **] vouchsafe to suit thy Graces and Blessings to our several Necessities of Body and Soul.

And

And now, O Father of Mercies ! in an humble Sense of thy great Goodness, I adore and praise thy glorious Majesty for all thy manifold Blessings and Mercies ; particularly for those of the Day past : I bless thee, O Lord, for whatever Good I have done, and whatever Evil I have escaped ; for preserving me in Health and Safety ; for providing so plentifully for me ; but above all, I praise and magnify thy Holy Name, for the Redemption of the World, by the Death and Passion of thy dear Son. O give me Grace, to make a right Use and Improvement of these and all thy other Mercies.

Be thou pleased, O Lord, still to continue to me thy Favour and Protection : Preserve me this Night from all Evil, but especially from that of Sin ; give thy holy Angels Charge over me, that no evil Accident may come near to hurt me ; and raise me up again in Health and Safety, with a Heart full of Love to thee, and Zeal to thy Service, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has taught us thus to pray.

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer

A Prayer for Tuesday Morning.

✠✠✠✠✠ HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God
✠ H ✠ Almighty, which was, and
✠ ✠ ✠ which is, and which is to
✠✠✠✠✠ come; thou art worthy to re-
ceive all Glory, Honour, and Power;
for thou hast created all Things, and for
thy Pleasure they are and were created.

I adore thee, my God, and make an
entire Resignation of myself, of all that
I am, and have, into thy Hands, desir-
ing now, and to all Eternity, to depend
on thee, my God, my Creator, and con-
tinual Benefactor, my Portion, my In-
heritance, and my All for ever and ever.

O God, most gracious Father in Christ
Jesus our Lord, I thank thee for the com-
fortable Refreshment of the Night past,
for thy Preservation of me and my Fa-
mily, and all belonging to me, from
Fire, Robbery, and Tempest, and other
evil Accidents. Without thy Goodness
and Providence, I am not able to subsist
the least Moment. To thee I owe all
those Comforts of Life, Health, Peace
and Plenty, I enjoy, and a Freedom from
all those Pains, and Miseries, and Evils,
I am subject to, and have deserved at thy
Hands.

I desire,

I desire, above all Things, to give most humble and hearty Thanks to thee, O God the Father, for the Redemption of the World by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, manifested in the Flesh to destroy the Works of the Devil. I glorify thee for his miraculous Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, for his Intercession for us at thy right Hand, for sending the Holy Ghost the Comforter and Sanctifier, and, for the Means of Grace, and Hopes of Glory.

O Lord, I beseech thee, in and through our Lord Jesus Christ, who was pleased to suffer Death upon the Cross for our Redemption, to pardon all the Sins I have at any Time committed; and grant I may find the Power of his Death, in my dying to Sin, and rising unto Righteousness, in having the old Man, all worldly Affections and carnal Lusts, crucified with him; that the Body of Sin in me may be destroyed, that henceforth I may not serve Sin: but being freed from Sin, all Things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in me.

But forasmuch as without thee I am not able to please thee, give me, I beseech thee, this Day and all my Life, the Supplies of thy Grace and Holy Spirit, enabling

enabling me to resist and overcome the Temptations of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, to subdue and mortify my Lusts and Passions, to purify my Soul from all Sin and Uncleaness, and to bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit in a holy and useful Life.

Grant I may order all my Words and Actions, and all my Conversation, with such Care and Prudence, as to give no Offence or Occasion of Falling to any; but that I may be a good Example to others, and adorn the Doctrine of God our Saviour in all Things. O let thy Holy Spirit always direct and rule my Heart, and of thy great Goodness bring me to Life eternal.

Direct me, O God, in all my Affairs; bless my Labours and Studies, and give me Grace to do my Duty in that State of Life whereunto thou hast been pleased to call me, and make me therewith content.

And thou, O God and heavenly Father, who hast promised to them that seek thy Kingdom, and the Righteousness thereof, all Things necessary to their bodily Sustenance, continue to me, I beseech thee, the Blessings I enjoy, supply me with those I want, and turn
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from me all those Evils which I most righteously have deserved; or which either the Malice of the Devil, or the Wickedness or Misfortunes of the World, might bring upon me.

Let all Things that befall me in this World, work together for my Good in the other; and grant me always those Things, whether prosperous or adverse, that may best conduce and be most profitable to my eternal Salvation.

I resign, O Lord, and give myself to thy Providence; I submit myself to all the Events which it shall please thee to bring upon me: Do with me what thou seest good, and let thy holy Will be done in me, and by me, for the Sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

O blessed Lord, whose Mercies are over all thy Works, spread the Knowledge of the Gospel all over the World; and grant that all Christians may live according to it, and testify they are Disciples of their Lord, by doing Good, and loving one another.

Bless our most gracious Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*, and prosper his Government; and grant that all employed under him may discharge their
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several Offices faithfully to thy Glory, and the Publick Good.

Preserve and sanctify more and more thy Church Universal; support and assist the Pastors and Ministers of thy Word and Sacraments; particularly him, under whom thy Providence has placed me.

Relieve and comfort all in Affliction, deliver them out of all their Troubles, and grant they may seriously consider thy Hand, and duly improve their Adversity.

Grant to all harden'd Sinners Opportunity and Means of Repentance, and Grace to make a due Use thereof.

Strengthen the yet weak in Faith and Godliness, that they may endure Temptation, and raise up them that fall.

Grant Perseverance and Advancement in Holiness to those who love and fear thee, and enable them to bring forth much fruit.

Bless particularly those Persons who exercise Works of Piety and Charity in thy Church; especially the Religious and other Societies in this Realm, for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts, or promoting Christian Knowledge at Home, for pious Conference
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and Charity, and for putting the Laws, in Execution against Vice and Immorality; and increase the Number of them.

Send down most bountiful Lord God, thy Blessings spiritual and temporal upon *my Family*, and all my Relations, Friends, and Acquaintance, especially on those who are most dear to me, particulary on *my Wife and Children*, and those who pray for me, or have desired my Prayers; and give us all whatever thou seest necessary and convenient either for our Souls or Bodies.

Reward all who have done me Good, and pardon all who have done or wish'd me Evil, and work in them and me all that Good which may make us acceptable in thy Sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer

A Prayer for Tuesday Noon, or any intermediate Time of the Day, being a short Paraphrase on the Lord's Prayer.

✠✠✠✠✠ Almighty God, the Creator and
A Governor of all Things, and
✠✠✠✠✠ the most bountiful Benefactor
of those who fear and obey
thee; grant that all reasonable Creatures, who are capable of understanding the Greatness and Glory of thy Attributes, may unfeignedly admire and adore thee, and express their Veneration and Praises of thee in Ways most suitable to the Condition of their Nature, and the Discoveries of thy Will.

Grant that all Mankind may come to the Knowledge and Belief of thy true Religion; that the Kingdom of Christ may be extended over all the Earth; and the Eternal Laws of Godliness, Righteousness, Charity, and Sobriety may be established throughout the whole World.

Grant that all who profess this thy true Religion, may live in perfect Obedience to the Laws thereof; and that Men, as the Infirmary of their Nature
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will permit, may obey thee with proportionable Sincerity and Constancy, as do the Spirits of the Blessed in Heaven.

Bestow on us every Day, through the remaining Parts of our Lives, as many of the Things of this present World, as are sufficient for our necessary Subsistence, and for the useful and innocent Conveniencies of Life.

Forgive us our Sins, and withhold the Punishments we have thereby deserved, in like manner as we freely and heartily forgive all those Injuries and Offences, which have by others been done unto us.

Take from us the Causes and Occasions of Temptations, or else deliver us from the Power of them, that we may not be moved either with the Enticements of Riches, Honours or Pleasures; or with the Fear of Want, Disgrace, or Pain, to do any Thing knowingly contrary to thy Will; and deliver us from all the Evils and Calamities, which either the Malice of the Devil, or the Wickedness or Misfortunes of the World, might bring upon us.

These Petitions I beg of thee, O God, knowing that thou *canst*, and trusting in thy Mercy that thou *wilt* do for us more
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than we can desire, or do deserve, who art infinite in Power, Glory and Majesty, from everlasting to everlasting.
Amen.



A Prayer for Tuesday Evening.

✠✠✠✠✠ Most Great and Glorious Lord
O God; who art just and terrible in thy Judgments to all
✠✠✠✠✠ obstinate and rebellious Sinners, but of infinite Pity and Compassion to such as truly repent and turn unto thee! Hear, I beseech thee, the Prayers of thy humble Servant, for Pardon and Forgiveness of all my Sins.

O let the infinite Value of the Sufferings of thy Son Jesus Christ be accepted by thee, as an Atonement for all my Follies and Transgressions; and for his Sake, I beseech thee, to be reconciled unto me, who acknowledge my Vileness, and am unfeignedly sorry that I have ever offended thee, to whom I owe all the Returns of Love, Duty, and Obedience that can possibly be paid by a Creature to his Creator.

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Give me such a true and unfeigned Repentance of all my Sins, as may produce in me a thorough Change and Amendment of Life: Open thou my Eyes, that I may see and observe all the evil Dispositions of my corrupt Nature, and by the Assistance of thy good Spirit, may be enabled to mortify and subdue them, and to bring my Mind to an entire Conformity to thy blessed Will.

Grant that the Remembrance of my past Follies and Miscarriages may make me more careful of my Actions for the Time to come, and more watchful against those Snares and Temptations, which have at any Time betrayed me.

Let the Consideration of thy Patience and Forbearance excite in my Heart such a sincere Love to thee, and such a Fear of offending thee, that neither Riches nor Honour, nor any Thing else that this World can offer, may be ever able to draw me from my Duty.

Convince me, O Lord, that Sin is the greatest of all Evils; that Guilt and Misery are always inseparable, and that there is no true Happiness in this Life, but what results from the Testimony of a good Conscience, and the hopes of thy Favour; and grant that these momentous

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Truths may be so deeply imprest on my Mind, that I may make it the great Study and Care of my whole Life, to be of the Number of those, whom thou lovest and delightest in.

Give me Grace, O merciful Father, to lay aside every Weight, and the Sin that does so easily beset me, that I may run with Patience the Race which thou hast set before me. Deliver me from an immoderate Care and Concern for the Things of this World; and give me such an entire Acquiescence in thy divine Will and Pleasure, such a perfect Dependence on thine infinite Wisdom and Goodness, that no envious nor discontented, no murmuring nor repining Thoughts may possess my Heart, but a cheerful and thankful Spirit may at all Times rule and govern me: And whatever Share of temporal good Things thou shalt be pleased to give me, O give me Grace to employ it to thy Glory, the Good of others, and the eternal Benefit of my immortal Soul. All which I humbly beg, for the alone Merits and Sake of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Extend thy Mercy, O God, to all Mankind: In a more particular Manner
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be gracious to these sinful Nations; pardon our great and crying Sins; avert the Judgments which we have most justly deserved, and give us Grace to turn from all our evil Ways, that thou may'st delight to dwell among us, and may'st be our God, and we thy People.

Bless and preserve our Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*; and grant that all who are in authority under him, may faithfully endeavour to promote thy Glory, and the Good and Welfare of this Church and Nation.

Look with pity and Compassion upon all thy afflicted servants: Be a Father to the Fatherless, and a Husband to the Widow; heal the Sick, supply the Wants of the Poor and Needy; and grant to all that are in Affliction, a patient Submission to thy blessed Will.

Bless all my Friends and Relations, especially---Reward all that have done me Good, and forgive all that have done or wished me Evil; and vouchsafe to every one of us, from the highest to the lowest, whatever thy great Wisdom knowest to be needful both for our Souls and Bodies.

And now, O most merciful Father, in an humble Sense of thy great Goodness, I adore and praise thy glorious

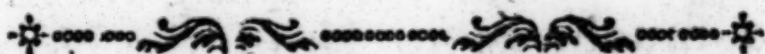
Name for all the Manifestations of thy Love and Kindness vouchsafed unto me.

I bless thee for my Being, for my Reason, and all the Endowments and Faculties of my Soul and Body; for my Health, Friends, Food, and Raiment, and all other Comforts and Conveniences of my Life; for thy continual Care, and watchful Providence over me, thro' the whole Course of my Life; and particularly for thy Preservation the Day past.

Give me Grace, O Lord, I beseech thee, to make a right Use and Improvement of all thy Blessings; and be thou graciously pleased to take me, and all that belong to me, this Night, under the Care and Protection of thy Fatherly Providence. Give thy holy Angels Charge over us, that no Evil may come near to hurt us; and grant us such Refreshments of Soul and Body, as may enable us chearfully to go through the Duties of that Station wherein thou has placed us; and when thou shalt be pleased to call us out of this World, O let us be found of the Number of thy faithful Servants, thro' the Merits of Christ Jesus, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, for whom my Soul does bless and
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praise thee, and in whose most holy Words I sum up all our Wants, saying,

Our Father, &c.



A Prayer for Wednesday Morning.

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ Most gracious God! who art the
✠ O ✠ Author of all the good Things
✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ that I enjoy; in thee I live,
and move, and have my Being;
and to thy good Providence I ascribe it,
that I am now in Health and Safety;
that I have enjoyed the comfortable Refreshments of the Night past, and that none of those Evils which I have justly deserved, have come nigh me, or my Dwelling; for these, O Lord, and for all thy other Mercies, I desire to adore and bless thy glorious Name, humbly beseeching thee to accept this thy Morning Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving, in and through the Merits and Mediation of my dear Redeemer.

For his Sake, O Lord, I humbly beseech thee, to pardon all my Sins, and grant that a due Sense of thy Mercies may be so deeply impressed upon my

Mind, that I may love thee above all Things, and manifest the Sincerity of that Love, by a constant and habitual Care to do what is pleasing in thy Sight.

O Lord! there is nothing that I desire so much, as to be of the Number of thy faithful Servants; to this End vouchsafe me the Assistance of thy good Spirit, to enable me to withstand the Temptations of this wicked World, and with an undaunted Courage and Resolution, to bear up under all the Trials and Difficulties which I shall meet with in my Christian Warfare.

Grant, O Lord, that I may never have any Fellowship with the unfruitful Works of Darkneſs, nor grieve thy bleſſed Spirit by any impure and ſinful Deſires; but as I have given up myſelf to the Service and Obedience of my great Lord and Maſter Jeſus Chriſt; ſo teach me to walk in his Laws, to conform myſelf to his Precepts and to endeavour, as much as in me lies to imitate his Example.

Let my Converſation be always ſuch as becometh the Goſpel; and grant that I may daily endeavour to mortify my corrupt Inclinations; to cleanſe myſelf from all Filthineſs of Fleſh and Spirit,
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and to bring every inordinate Desire to the Obedience of thy Will.

Give me a Heart truly honest and upright, and so stedfast and immoveable in the Ways of Truth and Justice, that no wordly Interest or Advantage, how promising or great soever, may be able to shake my Integrity.

In the Use of honest and lawful Means, give me Grace to depend upon thy Providence, and to rest contented under all the Dispensations of thy infinite Wisdom and Goodness. And though thou shouldst see fit to deprive me of any, or even all the Comforts of this Life; yet, O gracious Father, leave me not destitute of those Things that accompany Salvation; nor deny me thy Favour, which is better than Life itself: Whatever thou art pleased to deprive me of, yet take not from me, I beseech thee, the Comforts of thy Holy Spirit; but in all the Troubles and Disappointments of this World, in all the Calamities and Trials I shall meet with here, be thou my only Refuge and my Support, my Stay and my Trust, my Saviour and mighty Deliverer. Stand by me in all Trials, succour me in every Temptation, support me in Discouragements, and ad-

vise me in all difficult Cases : But especially O Lord, I most importunately beseech thee, that when the Time of my Dissolution draws nigh, and all Things here begin to fail me, thou wouldst then vouchsafe to strengthen and support me, and at last receive me into thy blessed Kingdom; through the Merits, and for the Sake of my Eternal Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be thou pleased, of thy great Goodness, O Lord, to continue to me thy Favour and Protection. Direct and guide me, sanctify and preserve me. Let thy watchful Providence be my Guard and Defence. Keep me in thy Fear all the Day long, and grant that I may take nothing in Hand but what is agreeable to thy blessed Will. Into thy Hands I commend my Soul and Body, and all that are related to me, humbly beseeching thee, to keep us from all Evil; to lead us into all Good; and to carry us safely through the Dangers and Temptations of this wicked World, to that Place of everlasting Rest and Peace, which thou hast prepared for thy faithful Servants, through the Merits of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose Words
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I recommend the Wants of all Mankind, together with my own.

Our Father, &c.



A Prayer for Wednesday Noon, or any intermediate Time of the Day.

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ Most gracious God and merciful Father! I beseech thee, for the Sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, to pardon and forgive all my Sins and Transgressions, which I have at any Time committed against thy divine Majesty.

In Confidence of thy great Mercy and Goodness to all that are truly desirous to love and serve thee, I humbly implore the Grace and Assistance of thy holy Spirit, to enable me to become every Day better, and to reform whatever has been amiss in the Temper and Disposition of my Mind, or in any of the Actions of my Life: Grant me the Wisdom and Understanding to know my Duty, and the Heart and Will to do it.

Vouchsafe me the continual Presence and Direction, the Assistance and Com-

forts of thy Holy Spirit, whereby I may be disposed and enabled to do thy Will with Delight and Chearfulness, and with Patience and Contentedness to submit to it in all Things.

Endue me, O Lord, with a true Fear and Love of thee, and with a prudent Zeal for thy Glory. Increase in me more and more the Graces of Charity and Meekness, of Justice and Fidelity. Give me Humility and Patience, and a Firmness of Spirit, to bear every Condition with Constancy and Equality of Mind.

Enable me, O Lord, to subdue and conquer every inordinate Lust and Passion, and to govern all my Appetites by Temperance, and Purity, and Meekness of Wisdom; setting thee always before, that I may not sin against thee.

Create in me a clean Heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Purify my Soul from all evil Thoughts and Inclinations, from all bad Intentions and Designs. Deliver me, O Lord, from Pride and Vanity, and from immoderate Self-Love, and obstinate Self-Will; and from all Malice, Envy and Ill-Will towards my Neighbour.

O make me to love thee, as I ought, above all Things; and let the Interest of thy

thy Honour and Glory, be ever dearer to me, than my own Will or Reputation, or any temporal Advantage whatsoever.

Subdue in me the evil Spirit of Wrath and Revenge; and dispose my Heart patiently to bear Reproaches and Wrongs, and to be ready not only to forgive, but to return Good for Evil.

Assist me, O Lord, more especially, in the faithful and conscientious Discharge of the Duties of that Station in which thou hast placed me: *This is to be varied or omitted, as it suits everyone's Condition.*
 [* * make me a kind and affectionate Husband, a careful and loving Father, a prudent and discrete Master.] And grant that I may employ all the Abilities and Opportunities which thou shalt give me, for thy Glory, and the Good of those committed to my Care.

Confirm me, O God, in all my holy Desires and Resolutions; and O do thou keep it for ever in the Purpose and Resolution of my Heart, to love and serve, and obey thee, through Jesus Christ, our Blessed Lord, and only Saviour; in whose Words I commend the Wants and Necessities of all Mankind, together with my own.

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer for Wednesday Evening.

✠✠✠✠ Most Glorious and Everliving
✠ O ✠ God, who inhabitest Eternity,
✠✠✠✠ and dwellest in that Light which
no mortal Eye can approach
unto; I thy unworthy Servant beg leave
to present my Prayers before thy divine
Majesty.

O Lord! I confess, that notwithstanding all thy gracious Dealings and Dispensations towards me, I have neither lov'd thee, serv'd thee, nor obey'd thee as I ought to have done.

The Cares and Concerns of this Life are too apt to busy and employ my Thoughts, and make me cold and remiss in the great and important Work of my Salvation.

O my God! I lament and bewail the Corruption of my Nature, and my manifold Sins and Transgressions. Where shall I fly for Succour but unto thee, who art the God of infinite Love and Pity; O pity my Weaknesses, and forgive and wash away all my Sins, in the Blood of that immaculate Lamb Christ Jesus, that neither those which I have
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this Day committed, nor any other the Follies of my Life past, may be ever had in Remembrance before thee.

O reserve not my Sins to be punished in the Day of thy fierce Wrath and Displeasure ; but bury them all in the Depth of thy everlasting Mercy, that they may never rise up to my Confusion here, nor my Condemnation hereafter. Look upon me, O Lord, as a reconciled Father in Christ Jesus ; speak Peace unto my Conscience, and say unto my Soul, I am the God of thy Salvation.

But, O Lord, I beg not only the Pardon of my Transgressions, but most earnestly intreat thee (who hast promised to give thy Holy Spirit to them that ask it) that thou would'st enable me to forsake every evil Way, and to walk before thee in Newness of Life. Let not Sin reign in my mortal Body, nor any sinful Desires take Possession of my Heart ; but by the powerful Efficacy of thy Grace, destroy in me all evil Habits and irregular Dispositions, and whatsoever opposes itself to thy most holy Will and Commandments.

Give me, O Lord, a lively Sense and Conviction of the Shortness and Uncertainty of all Things here below ; that
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my Heart being weaned from the Love of this World, it may daily more and more aspire after those Joys which are at thy Right-Hand for evermore.

Make me, O gracious God, a faithful and a wise Steward of all those Talents thou hast committed to my Trust. Let me never apply thy Blessings to any sinful or unworthy Purposes. nor abuse thy Mercies by any ungodly Use of the least of thy good Creatures; but give me Grace to improve them to thy Glory, the Good of my own Soul, and in the Comfort and Relief of my distressed Brethren; that being rich in good Works, and having laid up Treasure in Heaven, I may (when this earthly Tabernacle shall be dissolved) have building of God, a House not made with Hands, Eternal in the Heavens, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Extend thy Mercy, O God, to all Mankind; have Pity upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Hereticks, and bring them to the Light, and Knowledge, and Practice of thy Laws.

Bless thy Holy Catholick Church, and especially that Part of it which thou hast planted in these Kingdoms? remove out of it all Errors and Corruptions, all Divisions

visions and Diffensions; and let Love and Charity and Good-will be visible in the Lives of all its Members.

Reform all Things amiss in these Kingdoms. Root out from among us all Profaneness and Impiety; all Uncharitableness and Animosities; that we turning from all our evil Ways unto thee, the Lord our God, thou may'st turn from thy Displeasure against us, and delight over us to do us Good; to build us up, and not to destroy us.

Bless and protect our Sovereign Lord the King, and make him an Instrument in thy Hands of great Good to this Church and Nation

Look down with Pity and Compassion upon all those, who are in Trouble, Sorrow, Need, Sicknes, or any other Adversity. Comfort and support them under their Afflictions, and give them in thy due Time a happy Deliverance.

Send down thy Blessings spiritual and temporal, upon all my Friends and Relations, more particularly upon----Give us what thou seest most profitable for us. And as thou knowest all our wants, so be thou pleased to suit thy Graces and Blessings to the several Necessities of our Souls and Bodies.

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To these my Prayers and Intercessions, I desire likewise, O most merciful God, to add my unfeigned Thanks and Praise to thy incomprehensible Majesty, for all the Mercies and Benefits which thou hast so freely and undeservedly conferred upon me.

I bless thee for my Creation, and Preservation; for my Health, Strength, Peace, and Safety; for thy continual Care and watchful Providence over me ever since I was born; and for all the Comforts and Conveniencies I have hitherto received; and in particular, for the Mercies and Refreshments of the Day past.

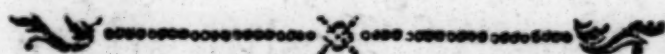
I confess, O Lord, my Unworthiness of thy Mercies, but in Confidence of thy infinite Goodness, I beg leave to commend my Soul and body to thy Fatherly Care and good Providence, humbly beseeching thee to take me, and all that belong to me, this Night, under thy Almighty Protection.

Refresh our Bodies with quiet Rest and Sleep, and our Souls with the Consolations of thy Holy Spirit; and when thou shalt think fit to take us out of this World, give us everlasting Rest and Peace in thy eternal Kingdom, through
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the Merits, and for the Sake of our Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ; who hath taught us when we pray, to say,

Our Father, &c.



A Prayer for Thursday Morning.

✠✠---✠✠ LORD, the Creator and Governor of the World! Thou art a God of infinite Power, Wisdom, and Goodness, and thy tender Mercies are over all thy Works; I thy unworthy Servant fall low on my Knees before thy Throne of Grace, to renew the Tribute of my humblest Praise and Adoration to thy great and glorious Majesty.

Blessed be thy Name, O God, for sending thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ into the World to die for the Redemption of Mankind, and for all the Benefits and Advantages which I have received thereby.

Blessed be thy Holy Name that I was born of Christian Parents, and early dedicated to thee by Baptism, and for all the Means and Opportunities which thou

thou hast given me of becoming wise unto Salvation ; for the Assistance of thy good Spirit, and for inclining me so early to love and fear Thee.

I thank thee, O Lord, for all the Temporal Blessings I have received ; for that Measure of Health which I have enjoyed ; for the many Friends and Relations thou hast given me ; and for that competent Maintenance and Provision thou hast made for me. Particularly, O Lord, I bless thy Holy Name, that thou hast protected me the Night past from the Powers of Darkness, and every evil Accident, and hast now raised me up in Health and Safety to praise thy Goodness.

O Lord, raise me up also, I pray thee, to Newness of Life, and grant me such a Sense of thy Goodness as may excite in my Heart a sincere Love to thee, and a holy Care to please and obey thee in all Things.

Pardon, I most humbly beseech thee, all my past Ingratitude, and undutiful Behaviour towards thee, and let me never forget the many and great Obligations thou hast laid upon me to become thy faithful and obedient Servant.

I confess, O Lord, that I am not able of myself to please thee ; but since thou
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hast promised to give thy Holy Spirit to them that ask it, with an humble Reliance on thy most gracious Promises, I beseech thee to vouchsafe me his Divine Assistance, to enable me to do my Duty towards thee, and towards all Men.

Endue me, O most gracious God, with a Spirit of true and fervent Devotion to thee my Creator and Redeemer; with an honest, upright, and charitable Heart towards all my Neighbours; and with a contented, meek, and humble Mind, in every Condition and State of Life, in which thou shalt be pleased to place me.

O Lord convince me more and more of the Vanity and Emptiness of all earthly Enjoyments, that my Heart being lifted up above the Pleasures of this Life, it may surely there be fixed, where true Joys are to be found. Grant that I may seek thy Kingdom the Righteousness thereof in the first Place, and prefer thy Favour, and the Testimony of a good Conscience, before the greatest Happiness this World can promise me. Let neither Hopes nor Fears, neither Pleasure nor Profit, be ever able to draw me from my Duty; but being stedfast and unmoveable, I may always abound in the Work of the Lord.
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knowing that my Labour shall not be in vain in the Lord.

And now, O Lord, I humbly pray thee, to take me, and all that are near and dear unto me, this Day, under the Care and Protection of thy good Providence. We are safe so long as we are in thy Hands; O let us never cast away our Confidence in thee, nor place it any where but in thee. Be with us in all Dangers and Temptations, and keep us from all Things that may hurt us; preserve us more especially from the Sin that does most easily betray and ensnare us. Give us such a Measure of Health, and other temporal Blessings as thou seeest best and most fitting for us; and grant us the Assistance of thy good Spirit, that in our several Stations and Employments, we may keep a Conscience void of Offence both towards thee, and towards all Men, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose most holy Words, I commend both my own and the Wants and Necessities of all Mankind.

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer

*A Prayer for Thursday Noon, or any
intermediate Time of the Day.*

✠✠✠✠ Lord, the great Creator and
✠ O ✠ Governor of all Things, I fall
✠✠✠✠ down before thee, in an humble Adoration of thy incomprehensible Majesty, acknowledging that I depend entirely upon thee; praising and magnifying thy most glorious Power, Wisdom, and Goodness, which are every where conspicuous; and rendering unto thee my most hearty Thanks, for all the Favours and Benefits which thou hast so freely and undeservedly conferred upon me: Thou art bountiful to the whole World: All thy Works praise thee, O Lord, and we, the Children of Men, ought more particularly to bless thee, and speak good of thy Name; for we have received singular Marks and Tokens of thy Favour being made after thy own Image, and endued with reasonable and immortal Spirits, that we may reflect on thee, the Author of our Being, and become like unto thee in Wisdom, Holiness, Goodness, and Truth; but above all, I desire to remember that great Demonstration

monstration of thy Love, in giving thy dear Son to live among us, to die for us, and thereby to give us (upon the Conditions of Faith and sincere Obedience) an assured Hope of immortal Life.

O Lord, I love thee, and renew the Oblation which I have often made of my Soul and Body to thee; I wait upon thee still for what thou seest good for both; I hope in thy everlasting Mercy, humbly beseeching thee to pardon all my Forgetfulness of thee, and Ingratitude to thee; and I most earnestly implore the Grace of thy Holy Spirit, to preserve in my Mind a powerful Sense of thee, an ardent Love to thee, and a holy Care to please and obey thee in all Things.

Give me the same Mind and Spirit which was in Christ Jesus our Lord; the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, and the Fear of thee; the Spirit of Meekness, Humility, Purity, and Charity; and grant that I may do thy Will with the like Chearfulness, Zeal, Constancy, Patience, and Perseverance, that he did.

Blessed be thy Name, O Lord, for all the Helps and Assistances of thy good Spirit, which thou hast already blessed
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me withal: O vouchsafe still to continue to me thy gracious Favour and Protection; and as thou hast preserved me hitherto this Day, so bless me the remaining Part of it: Keep me in Peace and Innocence, in Love to thee, and Charity to my Neighbour; and since in all my Ways I acknowledge thee, do thou direct my Paths, and teach me to manage all my Affairs with Prudence and Discretion. Thou art my Hope and my Confidence, my Satisfaction and my Peace, my Glory and my Joy; O be thou pleased to conduct me by thy good Spirit, through all the Business and Enjoyments, through all the Temptations and Troubles of this Life; and never leave me, nor forsake me, but bring me at last to that blessed Place, where our Lord Jesus Christ liveth and reigneth with thee, in the Unity of the same Spirit, World without End. *Amen.*

A Prayer

A Prayer for Thursday Evening.

✠✠✠✠ Eternal and infinitely Glorious
✠ O ✠ God, the great Creator, graci-
✠ ✠ ✠ ous Preserver, and wise Gover-
✠ ✠ ✠ nor of the World; I thy un-
worthy Servant fall down before thee at
this Time, to present my Prayers and
Supplications before thy Throne of
Grace.

I admire and adore the incomprehen-
sible Perfections of thy Nature, and
gratefully acknowledge thy marvellous
and undeserved Goodness towards me
and all thy Creatures: I have nothing,
O Lord, but what I received from thee;
thou freely gavest me my Being, and
madest me in a Capacity to know, and
serve, and enjoy thee for ever; and out
of the same infinite Bounty and Good-
ness thou hast continued to me the Be-
ing which thou at first gavest me, and
hast delivered me from a Multitude of
Evils, which might have justly befallen
me, and bestowed Mercies and Favours
both upon my Soul and Body, more
than I can number. O that I could say
I had made Returns unto thee in any
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Measure suitable to the Benefits which I have received from thee: But alas! I must with Shame acknowledge, that I have been guilty of great Ingratitude towards thee, the Fountain of all Good; I have been an unprofitable and unworthy Servant, and have neither loved thee, served thee, nor obeyed thee, as I ought to have done.

O Lord! it is owing to thine infinite Mercy and Goodness, that I have now an Opportunity of humbling myself before thee; O let thy Goodness and Forbearance, O Lord, lead me to a true and unfeigned Repentance of all my Sins; and for the Sake of thy beloved Son, (in whom alone thou art well pleased) spare me, O good Lord, spare me, and be not angry with me for ever; wash away all my Sins in that Fountain which thou hast opened for Sin and Uncleanneſs, that nothing may interpoſe between thy Mercy and my poor Soul. Lay not to my Charge, O merciful God, the Sins which I have this Day committed; and not only pardon them, but give me Grace from henceforwards entirely to leave and forſake them, and to amend my Life according to thy holy Word.

Make me always mindful, that thou art every where present, and privy to my most secret Thoughts; that I may never dare to do any Thing but what is pleasing in thy Sight. Possess me, O Lord, with a lively Sense of the Frailty of my Life, the Certainty of a Judgment to come, the unspeakable Glories of Heaven, and the most dreadful Torments of Hell, that I may in good Earnest set about the great Work of my Salvation, and never be so foolish, as to prefer the Pleasures of Sin, which are but for a Season, before that everlasting Fulness of Joy, which is in thy Presence for evermore; but that duly considering the vast Disproportion there is betwixt this Life, and my eternal State, I may live as becomes the Gospel of Christ, working out my Salvation with the greatest Care and Circumspection; that when the great and terrible Day of the Lord shall come, I may be admitted to the Inheritance of the Saints in Light, through the Merits, and for the Sake of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ the Righteous.

O Lord! I pray not for myself alone, but for the whole Race of Mankind, and in a more especial Manner for this Church
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and Nation to which I belong. Let the Virtue and Efficacy of Christ's Death and Passion be extended far and wide, and grant that true Religion and Virtue may every where flourish and abound.

Bless all Orders and Degrees of Men amongst us, especially thy Servant our Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*, our gracious Queen *Charlotte*, his Royal Highness *George* Prince of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with all those Graces and Virtues which may enable them to discharge their several Trusts in such a manner as may promote thy Honour and Glory, and the Peace and Prosperity both of Church and State.

Hear the Prayers of the Sick and Needy; and of all that labour under any Trouble or Affliction; and of thy Fatherly Goodness, comfort and relieve them according to their Necessities.

I commend to thy particular Favour and Protection, my---and all my Relations and Friends; let thy Fear be ever before their Eyes; let thy Blessings always rest upon them; and grant them all Things necessary for Life and Godliness

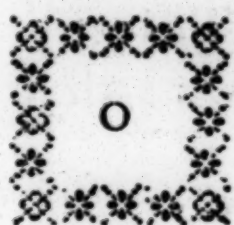
Accept, O Lord, I humbly beseech thee, the Evening Sacrifice of my unfeigned

feigned Praises, which I now offer up to thy Divine Majesty, for thy great and manifold Mercies vouchsafed unto me; and more particularly for the Mercies of the Day past; for preserving me in Health and Safety; for providing so plentifully for me, and continuing to me the Enjoyment of so many Comforts. And I most humbly beseech thee to continue thy Mercy and Goodness towards me, and all that belong to me. Defend us this Night from all Dangers both of Soul and Body; grant us quiet and refreshing Sleep; and if thou art pleased to add another Day to our Lives, give us Grace to employ it in such a manner as may be well-pleasing in thy Sight; through the Merits, and for the Sake of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer

A Prayer for Friday Morning.


 Most Holy, most Merciful, and most gracious Lord God; thou art the inexhaustible Fountain of all Good, the Source and Spring of all our Comforts here, and the sure and certain Foundation of all our Hopes hereafter: Look down from Heaven, the Habitation of thy Holiness, upon me, who humbly beg Leave to renew my Praises to thy Divine Majesty, in whom I live, and move, and have my Being.

O Lord! I acknowledge, that under thy Protection I have this Night slept secure, and by thine infinite Goodness it is, that I am now in Health and Safety: Praised therefore be thy Name, O Lord; O let all that is within me praise thy holy Name; as long as I live I will magnify thee, O God, for thou art my Creator, my Preserver, and my constant Benefactor.

Pardon, O most merciful Father, all the unworthy Returns I have made for the manifold Favours I have received from thee; and grant me for the Time to come, such a Sense of thine infinite

Goodness and Mercy, that I may love thee with all my Heart, with all my Soul, and with all my Strength; that I may study to please thee in all Things, and afraid of nothing so much as thy Displeasure.

To this End, O gracious Lord, make me truly sensible of the Vanity of this World; that I may not be carried away with the Force and Power of sensible Objects, nor brought under the Dominion of those Lusts, which war against the Soul. Give me Grace so to use the World, as not to abuse it; and grant, that neither the Cares of this Life, nor the Deceitfulness of Riches, may ever make me neglect the great Work thou hast given me to do. Root out of my Heart all covetous Affections and Desires, and let it be my great Care and Concern to provide for Eternity, and to lay up a Treasure in Heaven, which faileth not.

Deliver me, O my God, from Pride and Vain-glory; from a fond Conceit of myself, or a mean Opinion of others; from a censorious and uncharitable Spirit; from an envious and malicious Temper; and from all those sinful and corrupt Affections that are so hateful in thy Sight; and O be thou pleased to endue me with
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that Wisdom, which is from above; which is first pure, and then peaceable; with that Meekness and Humility, which is in thy Sight of so great Price; and with all those Holy and Christian Dispositions that thou lovest and delightest in.

Make me always mindful of my own Frailty, of the Shortness and Uncertainty of this Life, and of the Eternity of the next. Make me careful so to live, as I shall wish I had done when I come to die: O let not Sicknes or Death ever surprize me unawares, or find me in a State unprovided; but grant that I may finish the great Work of my Salvation before the Night comes when no Man can work; that so having laid up a good Foundation of Hope and Comfort against the Day of Trouble and Sicknes, I may, whenever thou shalt be pleased to call me hence, chearfully resign up my Soul into thy Hand; and Oh! do thou vouchsafe to receive it to thy Mercy, thro' the Merits, and for the Sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ the Righteous.

Be with me, O Lord, this Day: Let thy Blessings accompany all my honest Labours and Endeavours; and grant that I may take nothing in Hand, but what is agreeable to thy blessed Will. To

thee I humbly beg Leave to commend my Soul and Body, and all that stand in any Relation to me; beseeching thee, of thy great Goodness, to take us under thy Protection, to defend us from all Evil, and to lead us into all Good. Grant that whilst we are engaged about Things temporal, we may not forget the Things that are eternal; nor be unmindful of that great Account which we must one Day give. O Lord! leave us not to ourselves, but guard us from those Snares and Temptations that every where surround us. Conduct us by thy good Spirit, through the Affairs and Business of this Life, that we may at last arrive at that Place of everlasting Rest and Peace, which thou hast prepared for those who truly and sincerely love and fear thee, through the Merits and Intercession of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose most comprehensive Words, I sum up my own, and the Wants of all Mankind, saying,

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer

A Prayer for Friday Noon, or any intermediate Time of the Day.

✠✠✠✠✠ O Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the Petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name; I beseech thee mercifully to incline thine Ears to me, that am now come before thee, to offer up my Prayers at the Throne of Grace, in the Name and through the Mediation of thy beloved Son; for his Sake, O Lord, I humbly beseech thee, to look upon me with the Tenderness and Bowels of a compassionate Father: And since thou hast taught me to call thee Father, O make me to render unto thee the Love and Obedience of a Child.

Give me a holy Disdain of the deceitful Pleasures, Honours, and Riches of the World, and so raise my Mind above the Things of this Life, that I may always have my Conversation in Heaven, from whence I look for my Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Strike such an Awe into my Heart, that I may humbly reverence thy Name, which is great, wonderful, and holy,

and fear nothing so much as thy Displeasure: And O do thou establish thy Throne, and rule for ever in my Soul; and by the mighty Power of thy Grace subdue in me all those rebellious and corrupt Affections that exalt themselves against thee; that being a faithful Subject of thy Kingdom of Grace here, I may not fail to attain thy Kingdom of Glory hereafter.

Enable me, O Lord, by thy Grace, chearfully to submit to thy Will in all thy Dispensations, and readily to perform all thy Commands. Give me that heavenly Zeal to thy Service, wherewith the blessed Angels of thy Presence are inspired, that I may never be weary of well doing, nor slacken my Endeavours after the attaining of everlasting Life; but obeying thee with the like Fervour and Alacrity that they do, I may be joined with them to sing eternal Praises to God, and to the Lamb for ever.

O Lord, vouchsafe me that continual Supply of thy Grace and Holy Spirit, which may sustain and nourish my Soul unto Life eternal; and be thou pleased also to provide for my Body, whatever in thy great Wisdom thou seest to be fitting for me.

O Lord ?

O Lord! I confess I have, by my Sins, rendered myself unworthy of the daily Bread thou feedest me withal; but, O let thy tender Mercies abound towards me, in the Forgiveness of all my Sins; and since I have so much to be forgiven myself, make me always ready to forgive others likewise, and to endeavour, as much as is possible, to be merciful, even as thou my Father in Heaven art merciful.

But because the frailty of Man without thee cannot but fall, O do thou strengthen me against the many Temptations which daily assault me: Leave me not under the Power and Dominion of Sin, but save me, and deliver me for thy Mercies Sake in Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all Glory, Honour, Power, and Dominion, throughout all Ages. *Amen.*



A Prayer for Friday Evening.

✠✠✠✠ O S T Great, most Holy, and
 ✠✠ M ✠✠ most Glorious Lord God! thou
 ✠✠ ✠✠ ✠✠ hast created the Heavens and
 the Earth, and all Things that
 are therein; thou upholdest them all by

the Power of thy Word, and the Host of Heaven praiseth thee : What am I, that I should presume to speak unto thee, or to lift up my Eyes to that Place of Purity where thou dwellest ?

O Lord ! thou hatest Iniquity with a perfect Hatred, yet I am assured, that thou delightest in the Ways of Mercy ; that thou art a tender Lover of Souls ; and not only permittest, but invitest us, miserable Creatures, to come to thee.

With humble confidence, then, O Lord, I lift up my Soul unto thee, beseeching thee, in much mercy to look upon me, and to ease me of the Burden of my corrupt and sinful Inclinations : O cast me not away from thy Presence ; but for the Sake of my dear Redeemer, receive me graciously to thy Mercy ; and let the Merit of his bitter Death and Passion atone for all the Follies and Mis-carriages of my Life past. Forgive, I meekly beseech thee, whatever I have done amiss this Day, and all my Life past, either against thee, my Neighbour, or myself ; O cleanse me from all my secret and unknown Transgressions : And, O merciful Father, grant that I may seriously consider and reflect upon the Foulness and Deformity of Sin ; and
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what dreadful Threatnings thou hast denounced against it; that I may become a true and sincere Mourner for my past Sins, and, as far as is possible, redeem my mispent Time, by employing the Remainder of my Days in thy Service, and to thy Glory, O make me wise unto Salvation, and give me that Hatred and Abhorrence of Sin and Iniquity, that I may abstain from every kind and sort of Evil.

Give me, O Lord, a new Heart, new Affections, and new Desires; that I may love thee with more Sincerity, and serve thee with greater Faithfulness than I have ever yet done.

Convince me of the Vanity and Uncertainty of all Things here below, and grant that I may make thee my only Joy and my Delight, my Stay and my Trust, my Guide and my Counsellor; and be so delighted with the Ways of thy Commandments, that one Day in thy Service may be dearer to me, than a thousand spent in Vanity and Folly.

Teach me, O Lord, so to number my Days, that I may apply my Heart unto true Wisdom; and grant that in the Days of Health and Prosperity, I may con-

consider my latter End, and remember and provide for that great Account which I must one Day give before the Judgment-Seat of Christ; that when the Hour of my Departure shall come, I may meet Death without Fear and Amazement; and with a well-grounded Hope of thy Mercy and Goodness, may chearfully resign up my Soul into thy Hands, and may be willing, and even desirous to leave this World, when thou, my God, in thy great Wisdom, shall see it fitting.

O Lord! let me never be separated from thee; but grant that I may be of the Number of thy faithful and obedient Servants, who are united to thee by Grace and good Works in this Life, and will hereafter live with thee in endless Bliss and Happiness; through the Merits, and for the Sake of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour.

O Lord, to thy merciful Providence I commend the Wants and Necessities of all Mankind; cause the Light of thy glorious Gospel to shine in all the dark Corners of the Earth. In a more especial Manner, I pray for the Good and Welfare of this Church and Nation to which I belong, beseeching thee to pardon

don all our Sins, to turn away thy Displeasure from us, and to make us a peculiar People zealous of good Works.

Protect and defend our Sovereign Lord the King, and grant that under him we may lead quiet and peaceable Lives, in all Godliness and Honesty.

Bless the Work of Faith, and Labour of Love of all those who zealously endeavour to stop the Torrent of Vice, and to promote the Interest of Virtue and true Religion among us.

Hear the Cry of the Poor and Needy, give Ease to those that are under any Affliction of Mind or Body, and lay not more upon them than thou wilt enable them to bear.

I pray thee in a more especial Manner, to be gracious to all my Friends and Relations, and more particularly to——
O Lord! thou art thoroughly acquainted with all our Wants, O vouchsafe to give us what thou seest best and most fitting both for our Souls and Bodies.

Accept, O merciful Father, of my unfeigned Praises for all thy Blessings spiritual and temporal.

My Health and Safety, and all the Comforts of my Life, proceed from thy
Bounty

and Goodness: To thee, therefore, I ascribe all possible Praise and Thanksgiving, humbly beseeching thee to grant me the Continuance of thy Mercy and Goodness.

Take me, and--all that belong to me, this Night, under the Care and Protection of thy good Providence. Preserve us from all Perils and Dangers, and all Apprehensions or Dread of any. Give us such refreshing Rest and Sleep, as may fit us for Duties of the Day following; and if thou art pleased to add another Day to our Lives, grant that we make a right Use and Improvement of it, to thy Glory, and the Benefit of our immortal Souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in Compassion to our Infirmities, hath taught us thus to pray.

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer

A Prayer for Saturday Morning.

✠✠✠✠ Most Blessed and most Glorious
 ✠ O ✠ Lord God, who art of infinite
 ✠ ✠ ✠ Goodness and Mercy! I thy
 ✠ ✠ ✠ Creature whom thou hast made,
 and to this Moment hast preserved, do
 now present myself before thee, to offer
 up the Morning Sacrifice of my unfeigned
 Praises and Thanksgivings; thy Mercies
 are renewed to me every Morning, and
 thy Goodness follows me all the Day
 long; thou visitest me in the Night Sea-
 son, and every Moment of my Life is a
 new Instance of thy Mercy.

It is by thy Goodness, O Lord, that I
 have this Night slept secure, and am now
 raised up in Health and Safety. Praised
 therefore be thy Name, O God, for of
 thee only cometh my Salvation; thou art
 the God of my Health, my Saviour, and
 mighty Deliverer: as long as I live I
 will magnify thee, O Lord, for a joyful
 and pleasant Thing it is to be thankful.
 O give me a Heart always tuned to thy
 Praises, which is my Happiness as well
 as my Duty.

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Imprint on my Mind such a deep Sense of thy Mercies, that I may never provoke thee to withdraw thy Favours from me. Let not the Blessings thou bestowest on me, make me in Love with this World: Let neither Covetousness nor Ambition: neither Pride nor Vanity; neither a Contempt of others, nor a fond Conceit of myself, be the Effects of thy Loving-kindness towards me; but endue me with such an humble and contented Mind, such a meek and resigned Spirit; such a quiet and peaceable Temper and Behaviour, as becomes a Creature and a Sinner. O let the Consideration of my Unworthiness suppress in me all proud and aspiring Thoughts, and all covetous and ambitious Desires; that being meek and lowly in my own Eyes, I may find Rest unto my Soul, and be filled with that Grace, which thou hast promised to the Humble.

Fit and prepare me, O Lord, for every Condition and Change, but especially for my great and last Change. Strengthen my Faith in the Time of Sicknefs and Trial, and forsake me not when my Strength faileth me. Let thy merciful Ears, O Lord, be then open to my Prayers; and spare me, O Lord most Holy, O God most
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most Mighty, O Holy and Merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge Eternal; suffer me not at my last Hour, through any Pains of Body, or Weakness of Mind, to let go my Dependence upon thee.

O let not the cruel Enemy of my Soul affrighten me with his Terrors; but give thy Holy Angels Charge over me; and let the Consolations of thy Holy Spirit fortify my Mind, and dissipate my Fears, and be a reviving Cordial to my Soul at that last and momentous Period of my Life.

O Lord leave me not to myself in that Time of Distress, when I shall stand in so much need of thee. Give me an unfeigned Repentance of all my Sins, great Love to thee, and Charity to my Neighbour, an entire Submission to thy blessed Will, and (if thou seest fitting) some Fore-taste and Assurance of my Salvation. But if thou, in thy great Wisdom, shall not see fitting to vouchsafe me so great a Mercy, yet, O gracious Father, let me not fail in the great Day of Judgment to hear that blessed Sentence pronounced unto me, *Well done thou good and faithful Servant, enter thou into thy Master's Joy.* Grant this, O most gracious God,
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for thy Mercy's Sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be with me, O Lord, this Day in my going out and coming in; preserve me from the Dangers of evil Company: from the Deceitfulness of my own Heart; and defend me more especially from those Sins that are more apt to betray and ensnare me.

Let thy Blessing accompany all my honest Labours and Endeavours, and vouchsafe me such a Measure of Health, and other temporal Mercies, as thou seekest best and most fitting for me.

I desire, O Lord, to leave myself, and all my Affairs, in thy Hands, humbly beseeching thee to take me, and all that belong to me, under the Care and Protection of thy good Providence, and so to bless, direct, and guide us in this Life, that we may at last obtain that greatest of all Blessings, the Eternal Salvation of our immortal Souls, through the Merits, and for the Sake of thy dear Son, and our alone Saviour, Jesus Christ the Righteous; in the full Extent of whose Words, I desire to be heard for myself and all Mankind.

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer

A Prayer for Saturday Noon, or any intermediate Time of the Day.

✠✠✠✠ Adore thee, O thou infinitely
✠✠ I ✠✠ great and good God, Maker and
✠✠✠✠ Lord of Heaven and Earth;
worthy art thou to receive all
Honour, Glory and Power, for thou
hast created all Things, and for thy Plea-
sure they are and were created.

Send down thy Holy Spirit, O most
merciful Father, upon me thy Servant;
and so fill me with thy heavenly Grace
and Benediction, that I may become a
living Temple, sanctified, and devoted
to thy Honour and Service, and such
wherein thou may'st delight to dwell,
and make the Place of thy Rest and
Abode both now and for ever.

And to this End, O Lord, give me
Grace seriously to consider, that thou art
a God greatly to be feared, for thy Power
and Justice; greatly to be beloved, for
thine infinite Perfection and Goodness:
and greatly to be praised, for thy liberal
Bounty and Loving-Kindness: That thou
art both the Author and the End of my
Being; my true and only Good; the
Cause

Cause of all my Joy and Happiness; and the great Center and Stay of thy whole Creation.

Give me Grace also seriously to consider what I myself am; that I am a Creature, a poor empty, weak, and imperfect Being; that I have nothing but what I receive from thee; that I can do nothing but what I do by thee; nor know any Thing but in thee, and thy Light; that in thee I have my Life, my Motion, my Being, my Happiness, and my All.

Grant, O Lord, that I may also seriously consider, that I am not only a Creature, but a sinful one! A Creature acting against the End of his Creation, against the Laws of his Creator, against the Dignity of his Nature, and against his true and best Interest both here and hereafter: That I have not loved thee as I ought, with my whole Heart, Soul, and Strength; nor as I might, according to the Measures of thy Grace, and the Abilities which thou hast given me; nor indeed, as I have loved this World, and the Vanities of it; having been a Lover of Pleasure, more than a Lover of God.

And lastly, O Lord, give me Grace seriously to consider what I ought to be, both towards Thee, my Neighbour, and myself;

myself; that I ought to be holy, just, charitable, and temperate; that I ought not to live carelessly and at random, as those that have no Sense of thee, nor of their Duty, and who believe neither Heaven nor Hell; but as one who now lives in thy Presence, and must hereafter give thee an Account, and be either eternally happy, or eternally miserable, according as I demean myself in this short Time of Trial; and that therefore denying all Ungodliness and worldly Lust, I ought to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present World; looking for that blessed Hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, and of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Fix, O Lord, these Considerations in my Mind, and let them sink so deep into my Heart, that they may bring forth in me the Fruits of good Living; that so my Spirit may be pure and right within me, my Life may be holy, my Death comfortable, my Resurrection joyful, and my eternal State happy and glorious with thee, my God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A Prayer

A Prayer for Saturday Evening.

✠✠✠✠ Eternal Being ! Father, Son, and
✠ O ✠ Holy Ghost, one God blessed
✠✠✠✠ for evermore ; I thy unworthy
Servant, adore thy glorious Ma-
jesty, acknowledging my Dependence up-
on thee, and that all I have proceeds from
thine infinite Bounty and Goodness.

Thou hast shewn thyself a most kind
and indulgent Father : but alas ! I have
been an undutiful and disobedient Child,
and have made very ungrateful Returns
for those innumerable Mercies and Fa-
vours which thou hast bestowed upon me.

O Lord, my Conscience accuses me of
having done many Things contrary to
thy blessed Will ; of having acted fool-
ishly and wickedly, contrary to my best
and greatest Interest.

I am sensible, O Lord, that the greatest
Concernments of this World are as no-
thing, when compared with Eternity ;
and yet, how apt am I to grow careless
and remiss, in the great and important
Work of my Salvation, and to suffer my
Affections to be carried away after the
Things of this Life.

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as becometh thy Servant; by being zealous and devout in thy Service; kind and charitable towards my neighbour; by being meek and patient, quiet and peaceable, humble and inoffensive towards all Men; and, as far as in me lies, useful and beneficial to the World; that so glorifying thee here upon Earth, I may, at my Departure hence, enter into the Joy of my Lord, and be for ever glorified in thy heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, my only Saviour and Redeemer.

Be gracious, O most merciful God, to the whole Race of Mankind. Pity the deplorable State of those that know thee not, and have never heard of thy Name. Reform the Wicked and Impenitent, and let all that name the Name of Christ depart from Iniquity.

Bless our Sovereign Lord the KING, and grant that under him we may lead quiet and peaceable Lives in all Godliness and Honesty.

Be mindful, O Lord, of all that are in any affliction or Distress. Relieve and comfort those that suffer for the Testimony of a good Conscience, or that labour under the Torments of a wounded Spirit. Let the sorrowful Sighing of

the Afflicted come before thee, and deliver them in thy good Time out all their Troubles.

Let every one of my Friends and Relations, O God, be of the Number of those whom thou lovest and delightest in. Defend them from the Evils and Temptations of this World, and grant them whatever thou seest needful both for their Souls and Bodies.

To these my Prayers and Intercessions, I desire to add my unfeigned Praises for all thy Blessings, spiritual and temporal. I bless thee more particularly for the Mercies of the Day past; for preserving me in Health and Safety; and delivering me from the Evils which I have most justly deserved.

Give me Grace to make a right Use and Improvement of all thy Mercies; and vouchsafe, O Lord, to continue to me thy gracious Favour and Protection. Be thou pleased of thy great Goodness to take me [*and my dear Wife and Children*] and all that belong to me, this Night, under the Care of thy good Providence. Defend us from all Perils and Dangers; and after the comfortable Refreshments of Rest and Sleep, raise us up in Health and Safety, with Hearts
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full of Love to thee, and Zeal to thy Service, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the fullest Sense of whose Words I pray to be heard.

Our Father, &c.



H 3 PRAYERS



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*A Prayer for a Child, to be used Morning
and Evening.*

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LMIGHTY God, who madeft
me, and haft preferved me to
this Hour ; I praise and glo-
rify thy holy Name for all thy
Mercies ; O look graciously upon me,
and blefs me, forgive whatever I have
done

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done amiss, and give me Grace to remember and put in Practice my baptismal Vow, by renouncing the Devil and all his Works. Incline my Heart to that which is Good, and create in me an utter dislike and Abhorrence of all Evil. Put thy fear and thy Love in my Soul, that I may serve thee, and worship thee, and keep thy Commandments.

Make me dutiful to [*My Father and Mother*] obedient to my Teachers; humble and reverent to all my Betters; meek and courteous to all People; and enable me to do to others, as I would have them do to me.

Preserve me from bearing Malice or Hatred in my Heart, from Lying and Stealing, slandering and Evil-speaking, and all evil Thoughts, Words, and Actions. Guide me by thy Holy Spirit, that I may live to thy Glory, and when I die, may attain everlasting Life.

Lord bless all my Relations and Friends, and save and defend them and me from all Dangers, this Day [*or Night*] and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

A Morning Prayer for a young Person.

✠✠✠✠✠ Eternal God and heavenly Father, thou art the kind Author of our Being; be thou the gracious Guide of my Life: My Age is simple and unexperienced, O be thou pleased to inspire me with true Wisdom from Above, that it may guide and direct me in all my Ways. I am come into a World full of Snares and Temptations, O do thou fill me with the Knowledge and Love of thy Truth, that it may keep me from the Ways that lead to Destruction.

I render thee unfeigned Thanks for all the Blessings I daily receive from thee, and for thy particular Preservation and Refreshment of me this Night past.

O Lord have thou Mercy upon me, and forgive me all my Sins; and give me Grace to flee all youthful Lusts, and to remember thee my Creator in the Days of my Youth.

O possess my heart with the Fear of thee, and a Dependence upon thee. Let me always walk in thy presence, considering I must one Day die (I know not how

how soon) and render an Account of all the Actions of my Life. Possess also my Heart, O my God, with that natural Tenderneſs for my Parents, and thoſe that have the Care of me, and with that Chriſtian Senſe of my Duty towards them that my Language may be reſpectful, my Actions dutiful, and my whole Behaviour ſuch that I may not increaſe the Burthen and Care of their Life, but prove a Comfort and Bleſſing to them.

Bleſs me, O Lord, in my Learning, and deliver me from Sloth and Idleneſs, and ill Company, and from all Dangers both of Body and Soul; and help me daily to increaſe in Knowledge, and Wiſdom and all Virtue.

I commend to thy Divine Providence, [*my Father and Mother, my Brethern and Sisters*] all my Friends and Relations, and all this Family, and all Mankind: Vouchſafe us, O gracious God, all thoſe Graces and Bleſſings which thou knoweſt to be moſt needful for us.

Unto thee, O my God, do I dedicate my Soul and Body, beſeeching thee to take them into thy Care and Protection, that they may be always employed in thy Service, and to thy Glory; that having ſerved thee faithfully in this Life, I

may at last obtain Life everlasting, through the Merits and Mediation of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ our Lord ; in whose holy Name and Words I sum up my own and the Wants of all Mankind.

Our Father, &c.



An Evening Prayer for a Young Person.

✠✠✠ Almighty God, and merciful
✠ O ✠ Father, who willingly hearest
✠✠✠ the prayers of all those that call
upon thee faithfully ; I humbly
beseech thee to pardon whatsoever thou
hast seen amiss in me this Day, in my
Thoughts, Words or Actions. [*Here
mention Particulars*] Assist me, O God,
in making it my constant Endeavour to
resist and conquer every evil inclina-
tion within me, and every Temptation
from without.

Help me daily to increase in the Know-
ledge and Love of thee my God, and of
my Saviour Jesus Christ.

Shew me the Way in which I should
walk,

walk, whilst I am young; and grant I may never depart from it.

Bless to me, I pray thee, whatsoever good Instructions have at any time been given me; help me carefully to remember them, and seriously to practise them, that I may be ever growing in Knowledge, in Wisdom and Goodness.

Bless and defend our most Gracious Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*, our gracious Queen *Charlotte*, his Royal Highness *George* Prince of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family; and all Orders of Men among us, from the highest to the lowest: Lord, give them all Grace in their several Stations, to be instrumental to thy Glory, and the public Good.

Accept, O Lord, of my humblest Praise and Thanksgiving for all the Goodness thou hast this Day, or at any Time, shewed me; for all the Helps of preventing or restraining Grace thou hast vouchsafed me; for whatever I have done, which is in any Measure acceptable to thee; for whatever Progress I have made in my Learning; for thy Preservation of me from all the Miseries and Dangers which frail Mortality is every

Moment exposed to ; particularly for—
 [*Here mention thy particular Mercy.*]

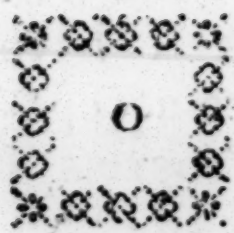
I humbly commit my Soul and Body to thy Care this Night, begging thy gracious Protection and Blessing.

And all these Mercies and Blessings which I ask for myself, I heartily desire for all my Relations and Friends, and for all Mankind. Let it please thee to guide us all in this present Life, and to conduct us safe to thy heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour ; in whose most holy Name and Words, I conclude these my imperfect Prayers.

Our Father, &c.



A Morning Prayer for a Servant.


 Lord my God, the great Creator and Preserver of all Mankind ; I bless and praise thy holy Name for all thy Mercies to my Soul and Body : Thou hast given me another Day, O give me Grace to spend it to thy Honour and Glory : En-
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able me to work in it the Work for which thou hast sent me into the World, before the Night of Death cometh, wherein I cannot work; that I may not increase the Number of my Transgressions, by running heedlessly or knowingly into the Commission of any sin.

O God, the Witness of all my Actions, and Judge of all my Thoughts and Affections; what would become of me, if thou should'st enter into strict Judgment with me! How should I stand before thy Tribunal, covered with the Guilt and Shame of my Sin! Lord, I repent, increase thou my Repentance; I repent of—[*Here mention those Sins which most burthen thy Conscience.*] O be thou reconciled unto me, and pardon me, for the sake of Jesus Christ; and not only pardon my Sins, but deliver me from the Power and Dominion of them.

I am conscious to myself of great Weakness and Frailty: O do thou confirm and strengthen me; create in me a clean Heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me: Give me a true Faith, and inflame my Heart with a Holy Love, that I may delight in thy Commandments; that I may walk before thee in uprightness and Fear, in Faithfulness and Honesty; constantly
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and chearfully depending upon thee; and doing the Duty of my Place, not with Eye-Service, but with Singleness of Heart, as knowing that I shall be accountable to Thee at the last Day, as well for those Duties which I owe my Master and Mistress, as for those which are more immediately to be paid to thee.

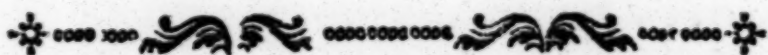
O Lord, I beseech thee keep me from all opprobrious and reproachful Language; from all Lying and Slandering; and from all unjust and deceitful Actions. Make me always thankful, humble, and contented, neither withholding from thee the Praise due to thy infinite Bounty and Mercy, nor from Man the Thanks due to him, for any Act of Kindness or Charity towards me. Help me, O my God, so to walk before thee, that my soul may enjoy a true Liberty; that my Life may be full of Comfort, my Death of Peace; and that I may obtain eternal Glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bless this whole Family to which I belong: sow in all our Hearts the Seeds of unfeigned Charity, that we may all enjoy the Comforts of a mutual Affection, and of a mutual Assistance and Aid in our several Places.

Possess us with a just Sense of Duty
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towards thee, and towards Man; that we may be living Members of thy blessed Son; and grant, that being protected by thy good Providence, directed by thy Word, and assisted by the Influence of thy holy Spirit, we may meet in the Family of Heaven, where we shall adore and praise thee, love and enjoy thee to all Eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose most holy Name and Words I continue to pray.

Our Father, &c.



An Evening Prayer for a Servant.

✱✱✱✱ My God, my Strength, and the
✱ O ✱ Rock of my Salvation, how does
✱ ✱ ✱ my Soul praise thee, for thy
✱ ✱ ✱ great Goodness, and all the pre-
cious Promises of thy Gospel.

But, O my God, I have forgotten thee, though thou hast given me my Being; I have forgotten thee, though thou gavest thine own Son to redeem me; not only to free me from the Punishment due to
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my Sins, but from the Slavery and Dominion of them, and to procure for me Life eternal.

I have feared the Displeasure of Man, whose Breath is in his Nostrils, more than I have feared thine.

O thou just and holy Judge of Mankind! I have been more solicitous for the Bread that perishes, than for thy Favour which is better than Life itself.

I have sinned against my Knowledge, thy Word, and the Motions of thy Holy Spirit. I have been apt to repine and murmur at thy Providence, and to be discontented with my Condition. [*Here mention thy particular Sins*]

But I repent, O my God, of all my Sins, and humbly beg the Assistance of thy Grace, that I may do Works meet for Repentance, and serve thee in Truth, and with an upright Heart, all the Days of my Life.

Have Mercy upon me, O Lord, have Mercy upon me, and forgive me all my Offences; and give me Grace to keep upon my Watch and Guard against them. Enable me sincerely to endeavour to reform and amend my Life, that I may every Day grow and increase in Goodness, and be so much the fitter for Death, the nearer.

nearer I approach to it: And whenever it comes, let it find me, O Lord, in a Disposition and Frame of Spirit fit to die; having an unshaken Faith, an humble Resignation and Submission, an holy Contempt of Earth, and a devout Love of Heaven.

Thou hast called me to be a Servant, but thou hast called me to be a Son too, and an Heir of eternal Life; O give me Grace to be contented, and faithfully to discharge my Duty.

Do thou, who never slumberest nor sleepest, watch over me, and this whole Family; let thine Angels pitch their Tents about us this Night; let us lie down securely, and let our Sleep be sweet and refreshing to us, for Jesus Christ his Sake; in whose most holy Name and Words, I beg all Things needful both for myself, and all Mankind; particularly all that I am in any Way bound to pray for.

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer

A Prayer to be used by a Servant at any Time of the Day, or that may be added to any other Devotions.

✠✠✠ Lord my God, thou hast made
✠ O ✠ me, and dost dispose of all
✠✠✠ Things in a wise and excellent
Order; thou hast placed me in
the Condition of a Servant; O grant that
I may discharge the Duties of it zeal-
ously and faithfully; enable me to em-
ploy and improve the Talents which
thou hast entrusted me with, to thy
Glory, and the Good of my own Soul;
and make me useful and serviceable,
honest and diligent in the Station, to
which it hath pleased thee to call me. O
suffer me not to fall into any Breach of
Trust with Man, lest I fall under the
Vengeance of thee my God.

Keep me, I beseech thee, from Pride
and Frowardness, from Discontent and
Murmuring, and give me a meek and
humble Spirit.

O thou Lover of Peace and Concord,
enable me to live in Brotherly Affection,
Unity and Concord with my Fellow
Servants; and grant that we may be a
mutual

mutual Comfort, and afford mutual Assistances to each other, as well in our spiritual, as temporal Concerns.

Lord, let not my Soul, by any Connivance or Encouragement, or any other Act of mine, lie under the Guilt of being the Occasion of the Discontent, or Injury, or Ruin of any Family or Person; but make me an Instrument of Peace and Prosperity wherever I am. I know, O Lord, that Humility and Industry are Virtues that are not so pleasing to a carnal Mind; but do thou make me sensible how great the Recompenſe of Self-denial, and all other Virtues, will one Day be.

Make me, O Lord, to remember that I am always in thy Sight, and that thou doſt ponder all my Paths; that I may be fully convinced, that both my temporal and eternal Interest depends upon the faithful and conſcientious Performance of my Duty, that ſo I may not be ſeduced or diſcouraged by any Temptation whatſoever, but ſtill looking up to God, and having regard to the Recompenſe of Reward, I may run with Patience the Race that is ſet before me, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; in the fullreſt Senſe of
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whose Words, I pray to be heard for
myself, and all Mankind.

Our Father, &c.

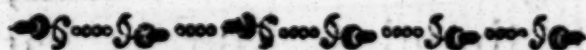
‘ Though these three Prayers are all
‘ that are particularly provided for the
‘ Use of Servants ; yet it is hoped, they
‘ will not look upon themselves excused
‘ from using others ; but that when they
‘ have Leasure and Opportunity, they
‘ will make Use of some of the Morn-
‘ ing and Evening Prayers for private
‘ Persons, as well as some of the other
‘ Prayers for the intermediate Times of
‘ the Day.’



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Acts of Adoration and Praise.

1. **B**LESS the Lord, O my Soul;
O Lord my God, thou art
become exceeding Glorious,
thou art cloathed with Ho-
nour and Majesty!

2. O Lord, how manifo'd are thy
Works! in Wisdom hast thou made them
all; the Earth is full of thy Riches!

3. To the only wise God, our Savi-
our, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion
and Power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

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4. Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own Strength, so will we sing and praise thy Power.

5. Blessing and Honour, Glory and Power, Thanksgiving and Praise, be unto him that sitteth upon the Throne, and to the Lamb for ever and ever.

6. Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me praise his holy Name: Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his Benefits.

7. O magnify the Lord our God, and fall down before his Footstool; for he is holy.













8. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant Mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively Hope of an Inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled, that fade h not away.

9. Thy Righteousness, O God, is very high: Great Things, O Lord, are they which thou hast done: O God, who is like unto thee!

15. Enable me to love my Enemies, and to do Good to those that hate me, and pray for them that despitefully use me, and persecute me, in Obedience to the Command, and in Imitation of the Example of my great Lord and Master Christ Jesus.



Occasional Ejaculations for our Advancement and Improvement in a Christian Life.

1.     SET a Watch, O Lord, before
    S my Mouth, and keep the Door
    of my Lips.

2. O let not mine Heart be inclined to any evil Thing; let me not be occupied in ungodly Works.

3. O hold thou up my Goings in thy Paths, that my Footsteps slip not.

4. Cause me to know the Way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my Soul unto thee.

5. Make thou thy Servant to delight in that which is good.

6. Grant that all carnal Affections may die in me, and that all Things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in me.

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7. Deliver me, O Lord, from the Occasions of Sin, and the Importunities of such as delight in Folly. Deliver me from the Snare of enticing Company, and the dangerous Infection of ill Example.

8. Grant, O God, that like as I have received of thy holy Prophets, of Jesus Christ and his Apostles, how I ought to walk to please thee, so I may abound more and more.

9. Make me to understand the Way of thy Commandments, and so shall I talk of thy wondrous Works.

10. O that my Ways were made so direct, that I might keep thy Statutes.

11. O let my Mouth be filled with thy Praise, that I may sing of thy Glory and Honour all the Day long.

12. O let me have Understanding in the Way of Godliness.

13. Try me, O God, and seek the Ground of my Heart; prove me, and examine my Thoughts; look if there be any Way of Wickedness in me, and lead me in the Way everlasting.

14. Grant, O God, according to the Riches of thy Glory that I may be strengthened by the Might of thy Spirit
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in the inner Man, that Christ may dwell in my Heart by Faith.

15. Grant, that I being rooted and grounded in Love, may be able to comprehend, with all Saints, what is the Length, and Breadth, and Depth of the Love of Christ, which passeth all human Knowledge; and that I may be filled with all the Fulness of God.

16. Give me Understanding, and I shall keep thy Law.

17. O that my Soul could love thee without Limits, as thou art in thyself infinitely amiable.




18. Lead me forth in thy Truth, and learn me; for thou art the God of my Salvation.

19. O deal with thy Servant according to thy loving Mercy, and teach me thy Statutes.

20. O God of Peace, sanctify me wholly, that my whole Spirit, Soul and Body, may be preserved blameless unto the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

21. Create in me a clean Heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me.

Ejaculations in Time of Temptation and Affliction.

1.  E L P me, O Lord my God,
 H O save me according to thy
 Mercy.

2. Be not thou far from me, O Lord, thou art my Succour, haste thee to help me.

3. O keep my Soul and deliver me, let me not be ashamed, for I put my Trust in thee. Let Integrity and Uprightness preserve me, for I wait on thee.

4. Grant that I may have Power and Strength to have Victory, and to triumph against the Devil, the World, and the Flesh.

5. Let my Complaint come before thee, O Lord, give me Understanding according to thy Word.

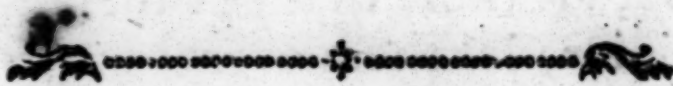
6. O hide not thou thy Face from me, nor cast thy Servant away in Displeasure.

7. Comfort the Soul of thy Servant, for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my Soul.

8. Hide not thy Face from me, in the Time of my Trouble; incline thine Ears unto me when I call, O hear me, and that right soon.

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9. O deliver me from the wrongful Dealings of Men; and so shall I keep thy Commandments.



General Intercessions for all Mankind.

1. ✱✱✱✱ Merciful God, cause all them
✱ O ✱ that sleep in Sin to awake,
✱✱✱✱ cause them to arise from the
Dead, that Christ may give
them Life.

2. Let the People praise thee, O God,
yea, let all the People praise thee, that
thy Name may be great among the
Gentiles, from the Rising of the Sun
unto the Going down of the same.

3. O let the Wickedness of the Wicked
come to an End, but establish thou the
Just.

4. O continue thy Loving-kindness to
them that know thee, and thy Righteous-
ness to the Upright in Heart.

5. Grant that all Estates of Men in thy
holy Church, and every Member of the
same, in his Vocation and Ministry, may
truly and godly serve thee.

6. Let thy Priests be cloathed with Righteousness, and their Lips preserve Knowledge.

7. Let all those that put their Trust in thee rejoyce, let them ever shout for Joy, because thou defendest them: Let them that love thy Name be joyful in thee.

A Grace before Meat.

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ LESS to us, O Lord, these thy
 ✠ B ✠ good Creatures which we are
 ✠ ✠ ✠ now about to receive. Give
 them Strength to nourish us,
 and us Grace to serve thee, through
 Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Grace after Meat.

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ E acknowledge, O God, our De-
 ✠ W ✠ pendence upon thee, and give
 ✠ ✠ ✠ thee Thanks for feeding us at
 this Time, and for all thy other
 Benefits [Preserve thy universal Church,
 the King, the Royal Family, and these
 Realms, and grant us Grace, and Peace,
 and Life everlasting] through Jesus Christ
 our Lord. *Amen.*

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An Alphabetical TABLE of the
Weekly Collects in the Book of *Common-Prayer*, reduced under proper
Heads.

A.

Affliction.

✠✠✠✠ PRAYERS for Deliverance from
✠ P ✠ and Support under, *Afflictions*.
✠✠✠✠ Collects for the 3d *Sunday* after
Epiphany, 3th after *Trinity*, and
5th *Sunday* in *Lent*.

Angels.

A *Prayer* for the Guardianship of
Angels. Collect for St. *Michael*.

C.

Charity. See *Love*.

Chastity.

A *Prayer* for *Chastity*. Collect for the
1st *Sunday* in *Lent*.

Christ.

Prayers for the Imitation of *Christ*.

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Collects

Collects for the *Sunday* next before *Easter*, and the second *Sunday* after *Easter*.

For the Benefit of *Christ's Death*. Collect for the *Annunciation*.

Church.

Prayers for the Universal *Church*. Collects for the 5th *Sunday* after *Epiphany*, the 3d *Sunday* after *Easter*, *St. John*, and the two 1st Collects for *Good-Friday*, the 5th, 16th, and 22d *Sundays* after *Trinity*.

For the Unity of the *Church*. Collect for *St. Simon* and *Jude*.

Comfort.

A *Prayer* for spiritual *Comfort*. Collect for the *Sunday* after the *Ascension*.

Contrition.

A *Prayer* for *Contrition*. Collect for *Ash-Wednesday*.

Covetousness.

A *Prayer* against *Covetousness*. Collect for *St. Matthew's Day*.

Courage.

A *Prayer* for Christian *Courage*. Collect for *St. John Baptist*.

E.

Enemies.

A *Prayer* for Deliverance from all
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our *Enemies.* Collect for the 3d Sunday in *Lent.*

Example.

Prayers that we may follow the *Example* of Christ. Collects for the Sunday next before *Easter*, and the second Sunday after *Easter.*

F.

Faith.

Prayers for a right and firm *Faith.* Collects for *Trinity Sunday*, *St. Thomas* and *St. Mark.*

For *Faith*, *Hope*, and *Charity.* Collect for the 14th Sunday after *Trinity.*

G.

Grace.

Prayers for *Grace* and *Assistance* in our Christian Course. Collects for the 4th Sunday in *Advent*, 2d in *Lent*, *Easter-Day*, 1st, 7th, and 13th after *Trinity.*

H.

Prayers for *Heavenly Desires.* Collect for *Ascension-Day.*

For admittance to the Enjoyment of God in *Heaven.* Collects for the *Epiphany*, and the 6th Sunday after; the Sunday after *Ascension.*

Humility.

A Prayer for *Humility* and *Patience*.
Collect for the *Sunday* before *Easter*.

I.

Illumination.

Prayers for *Illumination*, or a right
Judgment in all Things. Collects for
the 1st *Sunday* after *Epiphany*, and the
9th after *Trinity*.

Judgments.

Prayers for Deliverance from *Judg-*
ments. Collects for *Septuagesima*, *Sexa-*
gesima, and the 4th *Sunday* in *Lent*.

L

Love.

Prayers for the *Love* of God and his
Laws. Collects for the 4th *Sunday* after
Easter, and the 6th, 7th, and 14th after
Trinity.

For *Love* and *Charity*. Collect for
Quinquagesima Sunday.

M

Ministers.

A Prayer for the Fitness of *Ministers*.
Collect for St. *Matthias*.

That they may be diligent. Collect
for St. *Peter's Day*.

That *their* Labours may be successful.
Collect for the 3d *Sunday* in *Advent*.

Morti-

Mortification.

Prayers for Mortification. Collects for Circumcision and Easter-Eve.

O.

Obedience.

Prayers that we may obey and follow the Doctrine of the Apostles. Collects for the Conversion of St. Paul, and for St. John Baptist. See Good Works.

P.

Prayer.

For the Acceptance of our Prayers. Collect for the 10th Sunday after Trinity.

Providence.

Prayers for Protection by God's Providence. Collects for 2d, 3d, 4th, and 20th Sundays after Trinity.

Purity.

A Prayer for Purity of Heart. Collect for the Purification.

R.

Regeneration.

A Prayer for it. Collect for Christmas-Day.

Religion.

A Prayer that we may be truly Religious. Collect for the 7th Sunday after Trinity.

S.

Saints.

Prayers for the Imitation of them. Collects for St. *Stephen*, St. *Philip*, St. *James*, St. *John Baptist*, and *All-Saints*.

Scripture.

A *Prayer* before reading the *Scriptures*. Collect for the 2d *Sunday* in *Advent*.

Sin.

Prayers for *Conversion* from *Sin*. Collects for the 1st *Sunday* in *Advent*, the 1st *Sunday* after *Easter*, St. *Andrew*, St. *James*, and St. *Matthew*.

For Pardon of *Sin*. Collects for the 12th, 21st, and 24th *Sundays* after *Trinity*.

Sincerity.

A *Prayer* for it. Collect for the 3d *Sunday* after *Easter*.

Holy Spirit.

Prayers for the Direction of the *Holy Spirit*. Collects for the 19th *Sunday* after *Trinity*, and 5th after *Easter*.

T.

Temptations.

Prayers for Deliverance from, and Support under *Temptations*. Collects for the 4th *Sunday* after *Epiphany*, and the 2d in *Lent*.

Thoughts.

Thoughts.

A *Prayer against Evil Thoughts.* Collect for the 5th Sunday after *Easter.*

U.

Unbelievers.

A *Prayer for Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Hereticks.* The 3d Collect for *Good-Friday.*

W.

Good Works.

Prayers for Fruitfulness in Good Works. Collects for the 5th Sunday after *Easter*, and the 1st, 9th, 11th, 13th, 17th, and 25th Sundays after *Trinity.*

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The effectual fervent Prayer of a righteous Man availeth much. Jam. v. 6.

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HUMILIATION.

THE Design of this good Office, is to furnish the good Christian, who has set aside the Whole, or any Part of a Day to humble himself before God for his Sins, with such Prayers as may be proper upon such Occasions. In the Use of the Confessions, as indeed of almost all private Prayers, every one must supply, or omit, as his Circumstances require; the Design hereof being to provide
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only for the most ordinary Wants of a Christian, on such Occasions. And as to his Use of more or fewer of these Prayers, he is left to his own Discretion, as Time and Opportunity may serve: But because the devout Christian will find himself disposed, especially after Retirement, and serious Recollection, to render Thanks to Almighty God, for the many Mercies he has received at his Hands, and to intercede for others as well as himself; there is added a General Thanksgiving and Intercession, either of which may also be used at other Times, particularly in our Evening Retirement upon the Lord's Day.



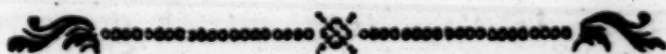
Of Self-Examination.

After you have performed your ordinary Devotions for the Day, you may use this Prayer before Examination.

✠ ✠ ✠ **THOU** great Searcher of Hearts,
 ✠ O ✠ who seest and knowest all my
 ✠ ✠ ✠ Sins; help me so to search every
 Secret of my Heart, that I may
 leave no Sin, if possible, unrepented of.
Give

Give me Grace so impartially to judge and condemn myself, so humbly to repent and beg Pardon, that I may not be condemned, when I shall appear at thy Tribunal, in the great and terrible Day of the Lord Jesus.

But, alas! after the most strict Examination we can make, who can number his Iniquities? Who can tell how oft he offendeth? Cleanse me, therefore, O Lord, I beseech thee, not only from my presumptuous and known Sins, but from all secret and unknown Transgressions, for his Sake, who died for Sinners, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



*Motives to Examination; together with
some Rules to be observed therein.*

✠✠✠✠✠✠ HAVING devoutly prayed for
✠✠✠✠✠✠ H God's Assistance, doubt not
✠✠✠✠✠✠ but he will vouchsafe it you.
✠✠✠✠✠✠ And the better to dispose your
Heart to the Duty of Self-Examination;

“ Consider seriously with yourself:
“ *That it is appointed for all Men once to*
“ *die, and after Death to be called to judg-*
“ *ment.*

“ ment. That God hath appointed a Day
“ in which he will judge the World in
“ Righteousness by Jesus Christ. At whose
“ Coming all Men shall rise again with
“ their Bodies, and shall give an Account
“ of their own Works: And they that have
“ done Good, shall go into Life everlasting;
“ and they that have done Evil, into ever-
“ lasting Fire: For the Books shall be
“ opened, and the Dead shall be judged out
“ of the Things written in these Books, ac-
“ cording to their Works. And then
“ consider how much, how nearly it con-
“ cerns you to judge yourself before that
“ Time, that you be not judged, that is,
“ condemned of the Lord.

“ Since, then, you must give an Ac-
“ count of yourself, of all your Thoughts,
“ Words, and Actions; and be acquitted
“ or condemned at the last Day, accord-
“ ing as they have been conformable to
“ the Law of God, or not; with what
“ Seriousness, with what Sincerity, and
“ religious Awe, ought you to set about
“ this great Work? So that by compar-
“ ing your Life with the Law of God,
“ you may perceive wherein you have
“ done amiss, and heartily repent of your
“ Sins; and by the Grace of God, re-
“ solve

“ solve to lead a new Life; in all Things
“ conforming yourself to his holy Will
“ and pleasure, and then you shall not be
“ condemned of the Lord.

“ Again. Consider with yourself, that
“ Now is the Time of Salvation; That by
“ the Use of these Means of Grace, you
“ may get an Opportunity of reconciling
“ yourself to your offended God; of do-
“ ing the Work you are set to do; and of
“ making yourself capable of Salvation;
“ which you know not how soon may be
“ taken from you.

“ And that this Consideration may have
“ the better Effect upon you; imagine
“ yourself a while in the other World,
“ among separate and departed Spirits,
“ whose Season and Opportunity of Action
“ is over; upon whom the Sun of Grace,
“ as well as natural Life, is gone down,
“ and that Night come, in which no Man
“ can work; who are either happy or
“ miserable for ever.

“ Consider with yourself seriously
“ the Condition of these Spirits, what
“ Thoughts and Sentiments they have of
“ Things, what they think of a sinful,
“ and what Sense they have of a holy and
“ religious

“ religious Life ; what inward Rejoicings
“ and Raptures those have, who were so
“ wise and happy, as to apply themselves
“ to Virtue and Piety : And how do they
“ now justify and approve their Conduct,
“ blessing and admiring the Grace and
“ Goodness of God. And what Anguish,
“ Rage, Self-Condernation, and Regret,
“ those return upon themselves, who lived
“ and indulged themselves in Sin and
“ Wickedness ! How do they unwish all
“ their past Thoughts and Actions, their
“ Designs and Undertakings, their Busi-
“ nesses and Employments, their Pleasures
“ and their Friendships, their vain Con-
“ versations, and their merry Meetings,
“ their Jest on Religion, and upon good
“ Men, yea, and their very Beings too ;
“ I say, how do they unwish all these
“ Things ! How passionately do they wish
“ again for those Opportunities which
“ they once had, but can never again re-
“ cover ; and which you now have, but
“ are too apt to mis-spence and trifle away :
“ Not considering this Life is the only
“ Opportunity for transacting the great
“ Affair of Eternity ; and that though it
“ is now in your Power to be happy, yet
“ it

“ it will not be always so; for your Day
 “ will end, and your Night will come.
 “ And therefore it highly concerns you,
 “ to employ the present Time well, and
 “ to work whilst it is called to Day, be-
 “ fore the Night cometh, when no Man
 “ can work. Consider seriously of these
 “ Things, and, by the Grace of God, they
 “ will work upon your Heart, and make
 “ it more humble, more considerate, more
 “ disposed for Repentance and Devotion,
 “ and more susceptible of divine Im-
 “ pressions.

2dly. “ After you have so long confi-
 “ dered of these Things, as to be affected
 “ with them, set yourself as in the Pre-
 “ sence of Almighty God who knoweth
 “ all Things, and carefully examine into
 “ the State and Condition of your Soul.
 “ For which Purpose you may use the
 “ Heads of Examination that follow, or
 “ such other as you find better suited to
 “ your Condition: And where you find
 “ you have offended God, you ought for-
 “ rowfully to confess and bewail your
 “ having so done, and resolve by his
 “ Grace to amend for the future.

“ For you are to consider, Examination
 “ is in order to attain a true and distinct.
 “ Know-

“ Knowledge of yourself, and the Actions
“ of your past Life; and especially to
“ bring your Sins to Remembrance, with
“ all their aggravating Circumstances:
“ So that considering the Folly of them,
“ and the evil Consequence thereof, you
“ may be brought to a Hatred and Ab-
“ horrence of them; to a hearty Sorrow
“ for them, and thorough Purpose of for-
“ saking them. And moreover, Exami-
“ nation is in order to recollect what
“ Temptations have usually prevailed on
“ you, and to consider before-hand, what-
“ ever the same, or some other, are, or
“ may be most liable to prevail, so that
“ you may arm yourself against them by
“ holy Resolutions, and Watchfulness,
“ and Circumspection; and also to try the
“ Temper and Disposition of your Mind
“ and Heart, whether you are so resigned,
“ contented, and humble, and have such
“ Love and Charity, and such other holy
“ Dispositions, as the Gospel requires;
“ that if you have not, you may endea-
“ vour, by the Assistance of God's Grace,
“ to attain them: And also may take
“ up such holy Resolutions, that every
“ Thought (so far as human Infirmary
“ will admit) may be brought into Sub-
“ jection

“jection to the Will of God. And when
“you have in some Measure attained to
“Newness of Life, you must endeavour
“to grow in Grace, and in the Know-
“ledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“I say, Self-Examination is in order to
“bring you to a true and sincere Repent-
“ance; by which I do not mean, a Sor-
“row for Sin only, but also an *entire*
“*Change* of Mind, and an effectual Re-
“formation of Life; so as hereafter to
“*deny all Ungodliness and worldly Lusts,*
“*and to live soberly, righteously, and godly*
“*in this present evil World*; not allowing
“yourself in the Continuance of any
“known Sin; but sincerely practising
“whatsoever you shall understand to be
“your Duty; and to *bring forth Fruits*
“*meet for Repentance, by ceasing to do*
“*Evil, and learning to do Good*: That is,
“in short, to live a holy Life, which con-
“sists in a constant and persevering Obe-
“dience to all the Commands of God, in
“a Gospel Sense (allowing for human
“Weaknesses and Imperfections) which
“I take to be the proper Notions the
“holy Scriptures give of Repentance, and
“upon which only there is any Promise
“of Salvation.

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“ When

“ When therefore you have carefully
“ examined yourself, and (as it may
“ be proper) set down in Writing what
“ Sins you find you have committed,
“ and what Duties you have neglected;
“ consider them in all their aggravating
“ Circumstances; whether they have
“ been done against the *Checks* of your
“ *Conscience*, against the *Motions* of God’s
“ *Holy Spirit*, and perhaps some of them
“ frequently, and against your *Resolutions*
“ to the contrary. But there may be
“ yet greater *Aggravations* of Sin;
“ namely, when the Sinner hath com-
“ mitted it *so often*, and lived in it *so*
“ *long*, that it is become *habitual* or
“ *customary* to him; and instead of being
“ ashamed and confounded for it, he
“ makes a Mock at it; and not only
“ takes *Pleasure* and *Delight*, but *boasts*
“ and *glories* therein. The Necessity of
“ considering the several *Aggravations*
“ of our Sins, appears from hence, be-
“ cause the *Circumstances* we were in,
“ when we committed such or such a
“ Sin, may not a little enhance and in-
“ crease our *Guilt*; and a Sin attended
“ with many *aggravating Circumstances*
“ in the Commission thereof, requires a
“ propo-

“ proportionable Degree of Sorrow and
“ Humiliation, in order to our forsaking
“ it, and obtaining Pardon for it.

“ This being done, endeavour to possess
“ your Mind with a true Sense of the
“ *great Evil of Sin*; how contrary it is
“ to God's *Holiness*, to his *Will*, to his
“ *Commands*, his *Goodness*, his *Justice*,
“ and especially to the great *Mystery* of
“ *Godliness*; how contrary also it is to
“ Man, to his *Reason* and *Conscience*, to
“ his inward *Peace and Satisfaction*, and
“ to his *Interest* temporal and spiritual,
“ present and future; that this is the *only*
“ *Evil*, which was thought worthy of
“ the Son of God to deliver us from,
“ who died to redeem us from the Bond-
“ age of *Sin* and *Satan*.

“ In the Height of all that Love,
“ which the compassionate Saviour of
“ the World had for perishing Mankind,
“ he did not think fit to rescue them
“ from *Pain, Sicknes, Poverty, Disgrace*,
“ or any of the common Afflictions of
“ human Life; no, nor even from Death
“ itself. All these seemed to be below
“ his Notice; only Sin and Damnation
“ appeared to him to be Evils so great,
“ that he would not endure the Thought

“ of our being subject to them. For God
“ *so loved the World, that he gave his only*
“ *begotten Son, to the End that all that*
“ *believe in him* (that is, so to believe in
“ him, as to obey him) *should not perish,*
“ *but have everlasting Life* : I add *obey,*
“ because in this Text, as in divers
“ others, the Word *Belief* is taken for the
“ *Whole of Religion, Obedience* as well as
“ *Faith.*

“ Endeavour to keep a constant Re-
“ membrance of these Things in your
“ Mind ; for they will be of great Use to
“ you, not only to lead you to a true Re-
“ pentance for what is past, but to pre-
“ vent your falling into Sin for the
“ future.

“ It will be impossible to give *such Di-*
“ *rections* for the Performance of this
“ Duty, as will be *proper* for *all Persons* ;
“ those who have led wicked Lives, and
“ have for a long Time put off Repent-
“ ance, have to be sure a great Account
“ to make up ; and therefore must spend
“ the more Time and Pains in reconcil-
“ ing themselves, considering their past
“ Lives, and forming good Resolutions,
“ Those that began this Duty betimes,
“ and who, by the Grace of God, have
“ been

“ been kept in their Youth from con-
“ tracting vicious Habits, or committing
“ any great Sins, have less to do, when
“ they set about this Duty : Nevertheless,
“ Self-Examination, &c. being a Duty
“ so often, and so plainly taught by God
“ in Holy Scripture, who best knew the
“ Necessity and Advantage of it ; no one
“ that is a Christian, ought to neglect,
“ or perform it slightly.

“ When you examine yourself, let it
“ be *chiefly* about your *wilful Sins*, and
“ *Sins of Commission* ; and be not over-
“ scrupulous, either to accuse yourself of
“ Sin you never committed, or to reckon
“ up all your Infirmities ; for that would
“ render your Examination endless and
“ impracticable : And though there may
“ be some Sins that you may doubt whe-
“ ther you have committed ; others you
“ may fear you have forgot ; yet be not
“ discouraged, for when you have acted
“ honestly and sincerely, rest satisfied ; it
“ being all that Religion requireth : But
“ what Sins you cannot recollect and find
“ out, so as particularly to confess and
“ bewail, you ought to conclude under
“ a general Repentance for whatsoever
“ you have done amiss ; and to pray that

“ God would cleanse you from your secret Faults.

“ When you have once thoroughly examined your Life, you must not think your Work is at an End ; but must frequently exercise yourself therein ; and the oftener you do so, the more easy and delightful you will find it. At such Times it may not be necessary that you should examine your whole Life with that strictness you did at first ; but chiefly examine yourself, how you have kept your good Resolutions, what Progress you have made in a religious Course of Life, and what Sins of Commission or Omission you have been guilty of, since your last Examination, and how you came to fall into them ; what the Temptations, what the Circumstances and Occasions ; that you may arm yourself against them, and so avoid them for the Time to come.”

GENERAL



GENERAL HEADS

OF

EXAMINATION.

✱✱✱✱ My Soul, enter into the Con-
 ✱ O ✱ sideration of thine own State,
 ✱✱✱✱ search thy Heart to the Bot-
 tom; ask thyself, “ What thou
 “ hast done, how hast thou carried thy-
 “ self since the Time thou wast by Bap-
 “ tism first admitted into Covenant with
 “ God, or since thou didst last renew that
 “ Covenant with him? How hast thou
 “ behaved thyself with respect to the
 “ Duties thou ownest to God, thy Neigh-
 “ bour, and thyself?

I. Of our Duty towards GOD.

✕✕✕✕ HAVE I loved God before, and
✕✕ H ✕✕ above all other Things?

✕✕✕✕ Have I received the Scriptures,
not as the Word of Men; but
as they are in Truth, the Word of God?

Have the Promises and Threatenings
therein prevailed with me, to govern my-
self according to the holy and admirable
Precepts therein delivered?

Have I not profaned the holy and dread-
ful Name of God, by Perjury or unlaw-
ful Oaths, or by customary Swearing or
Cursing in my common Conversation?

Have I not irreverently mentioned the
Name of God in my common Conversa-
tion?

Have I honoured him by a reverent
Usage of whatsoever Things or Persons be-
long to him, and are dedicated to his Ho-
nour and Service?

Have I religiously observed the Day set
apart for his more immediate Worship,
in keeping it holy, to those Ends for which
it was appointed; by attending the Pub-
lic Service of the Church; in reading and
hearing

hearing his holy Word; in Prayer and Meditation, and good Discourse?

Have I so little regarded this Holy Day, as to spend it in Travelling, and taking unnecessary Journies thereupon, such as I might as well have gone on any other Day?

Have I spent and squandered it away in useles and unnecessary Visits, in Recreations, or in wicked and unprofitable Conversation, or in following the Works of my Calling?

Have I trusted in God, and acknowledged my Dependence upon him only?

Have I every Day duly prayed to him, and praised him for his Mercies?

And when I have done it at Church, or at Home in my Family, or in Secret by myself, hath it been only out of Custom; or with such a Sense of God, and such Seriousness, Fervency, and Affection, as he requires?

Have I used such Considerations beforehand, as might enable me rightly to perform the same?

Have I laboured to form such Apprehensions of God as are worthy of his adorable Majesty, and to furnish my Mind with useful and necessary Knowledge?

Have I (notwithstanding the Means of Grace, and the Light of the Gospel) suffered myself to live in Ignorance of him, and my Duty?

Hath the Consideration of his infinite Power made me fearful to offend him?

Have I feared Man more than God, by committing Sin, to avoid Disgrace or any temporal Evil?

Have I presumptuously hoped for Salvation, whilst I continued to live in the wilful Commission of one or more Sins?

Have I not been so foolish as to put off my Repentance, thereby rendering myself less able to set about it?

Have I resigned myself, and all my Concerns, to the all-wise and good Providence of God?

Have I endeavoured to bear his afflicting Hand with Patience and Humility; considering that the greatest Sufferings I can undergo in this World, are much less than the Desert of my Sins; Or have I not murmured, or been impatient under any Trouble that has befallen me.

Have I grown better by Afflictions?

Have I frequented the Holy Sacrament?
Or have I not staid away through causeless
Prejudice,

Prejudice, or feigned Excuses, being unwilling to part with my Sins?

If I have come to the blessed Sacrament, have I not received it without Repentance and a stedfast Purpose to lead a new Life; without a firm and lively Faith, a hearty and thankful Remembrance of the Love of Christ, in giving himself to be a Sacrifice for my Sins; and without a sincere and universal Love and Good-will to all Mankind?

Have I made it my Care to live suitably to my Sacramental Profession, and solemn Engagements?

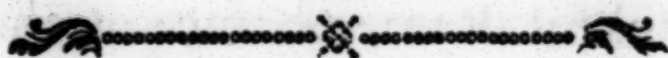
Have I endeavoured to affect my Heart with a lively Sense of the multiplied Mercies of God to me, both temporal and spiritual?

Have I seriously considered that amazing Instance of the Love of Christ, in Redeeming me from the Bondage and Dominion of Sin, and the Tyranny of the Devil?








Do I depend upon the Merits and Satisfaction of Christ, and hope for Acceptance with God, only through him, and not for any Merit of my own?

Have I, as a weak Creature, depended upon the Light, Grace, and Assistance of
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thy Holy Spirit, to further my Endeavours, to guide and strengthen me in all my Performances, and to direct and comfort me in all my Temptations, Difficulties, and Troubles.



II. *Of our Duty towards our Neighbour.*

“   My Soul, seriously consider thy
 “  O  past Actions; How hast thou
 “   discharged thy Duty to thy
 “  Neighbour; Hast thou con-
 “ sidered, that in the Sense of the Gospel,
 “ not only the Person who dwells near
 “ thee, but every Man is thy Neighbour?”
 Have I, according to the Ability and Opportunities which God hath given me, done Good to all that stand in need of my Help?

Have I carried it to my Nighbour, as one that loves him sincerely and heartily?

Have I done unto others, as I would they should do unto me; that is, have I done to others what I could *reasonably* expect or desire they should do to me, if in the like Circumstances? And on the other Hand,
 Have

Have I been careful not to do any thing to others that I could *reasonably* desire they should not do unto me?

Have I, in Conformity to this Rule, endeavoured in my Place and Station to prevent Evil and Damage to the Souls, and Bodies, and Estates of others?

Have I wronged no Man in his Soul, by leading him into such Errors, as are destructive of true Religion; by enticing and teaching him to sin against God, and to wound his Conscience by setting him an ill example; by counselling or commanding him to do that which was displeasing to God, or by consenting to his Sins?

Have I discouraged or deterred any one from the serious Practice of Religion and Piety?

Have I sought and endeavoured to bring those to Repentance, whom I have any ways led into Sin?

Have I delighted causelessly to grieve any one?

Have I hurt any Person in his Body, by offering any Force or Violence to him; by drawing him into Intemperance, or any Vices; or by exciting Jealousies, Quarrels, or Fightings among Men?

Have

Have I injured my Neighbour in his Goods or Estate, by damaging him ; by defrauding or over-reaching him in Bargains, or Contracts ; or in his good Name, by Slandering, Backbiting, or Insult ?

Have I, in the Management of my Estate or Calling, run into Debts without Hopes or Design of Payment ?

Have I not published my Neighbour's Faults, when neither the Glory of God, nor the Good of others, made such a publication necessary ?

Have I rashly or wrongfully censured or judged any Person ?

Have I flattered any into Evil, soothing them up in it, or commending them for it, or for that Good I knew they had not ?

If I have by any Means, or upon any Account whatsoever, done any Wrong to any Person ; have I endeavoured to my Power to make what Reparation or Satisfaction I can, thereby testifying my sincere Repentance for what I have done amiss ?

When others have offended or injured me, have I been easy to be reconciled ; and ready to forgive and to do good Offices even to my Enemies ; considering my own many and great Offences both against God
and

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and against Man, of which I hope, and need Forgiveness?

Have I rested only in not doing Wrong, in not injuring my Neighbour, either in Soul, Body, or Estate?

Have I had that universal Love and Charity to all Men, as to desire all Good to them, and not so much as to wish Evil or Harm to any one?

Have I not envied the Good or Prosperity of my Neighbour?

Have I endeavoured to assist my Neighbour in any Good, to comfort him in his Troubles; and when aspersed wrongfully, to vindicate his Reputation?

Have I relieved the Wants and Necessities of my Neighbour according to my Power, as one that is affected with them, and as being myself also in the Body, and liable to the same Wants, Distresses, and Troubles with others?

Have I had a more special Love to all true and sincere Christians, borne with their Infirmities, and heartily desired and sought their Welfare?

Have I observed Truth in my Words, and Dealings, and Contracts with all Men?

Have

Have I not offended by Lying, Falshood, or Misrepresentation ?

Have I performed my Words and Contracts with Shuffling, Treachery, and Deceit ?

Have I carried it with an humble, quiet, and peaceable Spirit to all Men, avoiding (as much as in me lay) all Occasions of Offence, Quarrels, or Differences ?

On the contrary, have I not widened and enlarged them ?

Have I been careful of those of my Family, my Friends and Relations, or any others that are committed to my Care, to counsel, to comfort, to reprove, as Occasion was given, and Need required ?

Relative Duties.

“ How have I performed the Duties
“ incumbent upon me towards my several
“ Relations ? ”

As a Husband.

✠✠✠✠ HAVE I been faithful to the so-
✠ H ✠ lemn Contract and Engagement
✠✠✠✠ I then made in the Presence of
God ?

Have

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Have I, in all lawful and reasonable Instances, condescended and complied with my Wife?

Have I loved, cherished, comforted, and honoured her?

Have I borne with her Weaknesses and Infirmities?

Has my Behaviour to her been prudent, flexible, and obliging?

Have I not been peremptory, rigorous, and magisterial in my Commands?

Have I neglected to defend and protect her, to maintain and provide for her?

Have I not omitted to pray for her, and to share with her in all her reasonable Joys and Sorrows?

As a Wife.

✠✠✠✠ HAVE I refused to comply with
✠ H ✠ those Commands, in which God
✠✠✠✠ requires me to obey and serve,
to love and honour my Husband?

Have I not provoked him, or published his Faults?

Have I borne with his Infirmities?

Have

Have I given him Cause of Jealousy, or been unfaithful to his Bed?

Have I been frugal in the Management of my Expences, with respect to the Circumstances and Condition of my Husband?

Have I not been expensive and prodigal in my Way of Living?

Have I not squandered away my Husband's Substance?

Have I restrained myself within those Bounds, that both Reason, Religion, and the Condition of my Husband require?

Have I been indifferent and careless in my Carriage towards him, not forecasting to do what I thought would oblige and please him?

Have I been disobedient to his just Commands, and so cast off his Yoke from me?

Have I been unconcerned in his Joys and Sorrows?

Have I neglected to recommend him to the Grace and Protection of God in my Prayers?

A Parent.

A Parent.

✕✕✕ HAVE I preferred the eternal In-
✕ H ✕ terest of my Children before their
✕✕✕ temporal?

Have I not been more careful and solicitous to provide for their Bodies than their Souls?

Have I taught them, as they were capable of Learning, to know, fear, love, and worship God, with a perfect Heart, and a willing mind?

Have I early instructed them in the Ways that lead to Life everlasting, and endeavoured to form in their Minds the Principles of Virtue and Religion?

Have I earnestly and frequently prayed to God for the Gifts and Graces of his Holy Spirit, to renew, and change, and purify their corrupt Nature, and for his Blessing and Favour upon them?

Have I been no ways accessory to the Sins of my Children, by any ill Example I have set them?

Have I not given them such an Education, as would naturally lead them into Pride and Vanity?

Have

Have I endeavoured to make them of a meek and humble Disposition?

Have I taught them how to govern their Passions, and to moderate their Affections to worldly Things; and encouraged them, by my own Example, to follow that which is good?

Have I done my Part to provide what was necessary and convenient for their Living; and comfortable Subsistence and Being in the World?

Have I not been too fond and indulgent to them; suffering them to go on in their Follies and Sins, without such Correction and Reproof, as in Duty I was bound to give them?

A Child.

✠✠✠✠ HAVE I revered and honoured
 ✠ H ✠ ed my Parents, obeyed their law-
 ✠✠✠✠ ful Commands, and attended to
 their wise Counsels and Instruc-
 tions?

Have I advised with them in Affairs of Consequence and Concern to me?

Have I not been disobedient to them; dishonoured them in my Mind, or carried my-

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myself rudely and irreverently in my Behaviour towards them?

Have I not been ashamed of them?

Have I not mocked, or spoken Evil of them?

If reduced to Want and Poverty, have I made a comfortable and honourable Provision for them, according to my Ability?

Have I not been stubborn and obstinate towards them, and endeavoured to cast off my Subjection to them?

Have I not disposed of myself in Marriage, without their Advice or Consent?

A Brother or Sister.

✱✱✱ H AVE I had a tender Affection,
✱✱✱ and a compassionate Concern for
✱✱✱ my Brethren and Sisters, endeavouring to promote their Good,
both spiritual and temporal?

Have I commended them to God in my Prayers?

Have I not been unconcerned for their Welfare, and destitute of a natural Affection towards them?

A Master

A Master.

*** HAVE I treated my Servants as a
* H * Christian, and like one who be-
* * * lieves that he has a Master in
* * * Heaven, to whom he must ren-
der an Account ?

Have I performed the Conditions I ob-
liged myself to, when I took them into
my Service ?

Have I used them with Mildness and
Gentleness ?

Have I been cruel and severe towards
them, laying a greater Burden upon them
than they were able to bear ?

Have I had a tender Care and Concern
for their Souls, endeavouring to instruct
them in the Duties and Principles of the
Christian Religion ?

Have I afforded them Time and Oppor-
tunities for the Service of God in Public
and Private ?

Have I taken Care of their Bodies, by
providing what was fitting for them ?

Have I not put them upon Cheating
and Lying, and so been a Partaker with
them in their Sin ?


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Have I been remiss in suffering them to neglect their Duty to God?

Have I been constant in my daily Devotions with my Family?

Have I not omitted this necessary Duty upon such slight and trivial Pretences and Excuses, as would have had no Weight with me in Matters that relate to this temporal Life?

A Servant.

 HAVE I been faithful and industrious in serving my Master and Mistress?

Have I been honest and just to them?

Have I purloined, or stole, or any way defrauded them of their Goods, or been careless and wasteful of them?

Have I disobeyed their lawful Commands?

Have I any ways injured them in their Reputation?

Have I served them with Singleness of Heart, as to the Lord, and not to Men?

Have I been diligent in my Duty, only when I was observed and taken Notice of?

Have

Have I, as much as in me lay, lived quietly and peaceably with my Fellow-servants?

Have I not been spiteful and malicious against them?

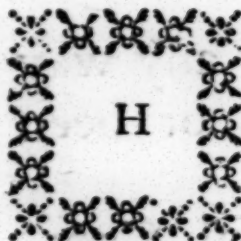
Have I accused them wrongfully?

Have I set them a good Example?

Have I exercised that Tenderneſs to the Children in my Family, that was juſtly and reaſonably expected from me?

Have I prayed for my Maſter and Miſtreſs, and the reſt of the Family, in my private Prayers?

As a Magiſtrate, &c.


 HAVE I made it my Endeavour to be a Terror to Evil Doers, and a Praise to them that do well?

Have I expreſſed a Zeal for the Honour of God, by bringing public Offenders to Juſtice; by putting the Laws in Execution againſt all Vice, Profaneneſs, and Debauchery, and by giving a good Example myſelf?

Have I not diſcouraged thoſe, who, from a Concern for the Interests of Religion, and a Love

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a Love to the Souls of Men, have been zealous and active in this good Work?

Have I not been more intent upon my own private Interest, than in advancing the common Good?

Have I been faithful and diligent in the discharge of those Duties that are incumbent upon me, as living in the Town, Place, or Parish, whereto I belong?

Have I endeavoured to inform myself of my Duty, in order to the doing of it, when I have been called to the Office of Constable, Church-warden, or any other Parish Office?

Have I considered how to avoid and shun whatever might occasion Strife and Dissension, and endeavoured, what in me lies, to become useful and serviceable in my Place and Station?



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HAVE I wisely considered the End
H for which I was created by God,
that I might be the better able
to direct all my Thoughts,
Words, and Actions to that End?

Do I make it the great Concern and Business of my Life, to serve and glorify God, that I may thereby be prepared, and meet for Happiness in his Presence and Kingdom for ever?

Have I frequently and seriously considered, that I am here as in a State of Trial and Probation, not of Happiness and Enjoyment?

Have I not lived without Thought and Consideration, though Interest and Duty, and the express Command of God, call and oblige me to be much and frequent in the Exercise thereof?

How have I spent my precious Time?

Have I not wasted it in Idleness, or in any unprofitable Vanity?

Have I laid to Heart the Shortness and Uncertainty of this present Life, and daily improved it to the best Advantage?

Have

Have I exercised a daily Care and Watchfulness over my deceitful Heart, resisting its Importunities and Lusts?

Have I seriously considered the great Damage and Mischief that Sin has done to human Nature?

Have I applied myself with my whole Strength and Might, to recover that Resemblance, which Man, when he first came out of his Maker's Hand, bore to him?

Have I contented myself with the Form and Outside of Religion and Godliness, neglecting the Life and Power thereof?

Have I laboured after the true Mortification of the Spirit, after that real and inward Purity of Soul, which Christ requires in all his Disciples and Followers?

Have I diligently and earnestly implored the Aids and Assistances of the Holy Spirit of God, to renew and sanctify me?

Have I laboured to improve my Soul in Knowledge and Wisdom, in Grace and Holiness, taking heed to secure my Salvation more than any temporal Interest?

Have I been contented with my present Portion of Good here, according to the Will of God?

Have I not suffered myself to be immoderately discomposed at Events, which are not in my Power; and been dissatisfied and uneasy at such Circumstances, as the good Providence of God has thought fit to place me in?

Have I not been too covetous of the World; its Riches, Honours, and Pleasures?

Have I not sought to gain or keep them by sinful Means?

Have I not been immoderately concerned, and anxious about present Things?

Have I not grieved overmuch for worldly Crosses, Losses, and Disappointments? And on the other Side, have I not placed my Happiness in its good Things, and rejoiced in them overmuch?

Have I laboured to disentangle my Affections from this World, and to raise up my Mind to the Things which are above; the Enjoyments of that superior World, for which I was principally designed?

Have I been diligent and faithful in that Place and State of Life, unto which it hath pleased God to call me?

Have I been diligent in doing my own Business, and to provide those Things that
are

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are needful and expedient for myself and Family, and such as depend upon me?

Have I endeavoured to make myself useful in the World, and charitable to my Fellow-Creatures?

Have I been temperate and chaste, as one that is sensible, that the Perfection and Happiness of a reasonable Creature does not consist in sensual Enjoyments, but in those that are spiritual?

Have I therefore watched against the Lusts of the Flesh?

Have I not had an impure Heart, or unclean Affections, or offended by any unchaste Behaviour, Words or Actions?

Have I abstained from all unnatural and unlawful Pleasures of Sense; and been moderate in the Use of such as are lawful and allowable by the Christian Religion?

Have I restrained my Appetite! Have I not committed Excess in Eating and Drinking, in Sleep, or Recreations?

Have I frequently exercised myself in Self-Denial and Mortification, that my Flesh might be subdued, and my Spirit refined; and so prepared and qualified for the Company, the Employment, and the Pleasure of Heaven?

Have I been humble and little in my own Eyes, as a depending Creature, and poor Sinner should be?

Have I not betrayed Pride and Haughtiness in Word and Carriage?

Have I not from an Over-Valuation of myself, been ambitious of, or too much affected with the Applauses of Men above my Desert, or made it too much my End in any of my Actions?

Have I not to that End unduly set out myself to procure my own Praise?

Have I not been too nice and tender of my own Reputation, to the Neglect of my Duty?

Have I not feared too much the Censures, Reviling, and Reproaches of Men, in the Discharge thereof?

Have I been contented to be vile for God's Sake?

Have I been Meek and Gentle in my Spirit, Words, and Behaviour? Have I borne with the Weaknesses, Indiscretions, and Infirmities of others, as becometh one who is subject to Infirmities?

Have I not been angry without Cause, or above just Cause?

Have I not been pettish and froward in
little

little Things, and upon mere Mistakes, and involuntary Errors of others, for want of reviewing Things in their just Nature, Weight, and Measure?

Have I not suffered the Sun to go down upon my Wrath? Have I not continued in it to the Vexation of my own Spirit, and thereby rendered myself unfit for the Discharge of my Duty both to God and Man?

‘ It is not easy to enumerate all the Instances of Duty reducible to these three Heads; nor to set down the several Breaches and Violations of them: But the *careful Reading* of the *Holy Scriptures*, more especially the *New Testament*, together with the Checks and Reproofs of every Man’s Conscience, will abundantly supply this Defect. The Method here proposed will, I believe, (if carefully attended to) assist any one in getting a competent Knowledge of his own State and Condition.

‘ I think it proper to observe here, that divers Methods have been proposed by wise and good Men to assist us in the Examination of our Selves, and to render it more easy unto us. I will but just mention some of them, and refer you

‘ to some Books of Piety wherein they
‘ are treated at large.

‘ Some have collected a short Summary
‘ of the Sins forbidden, and Duties com-
‘ manded in the Holy Scriptures, and ex-
‘ amined themselves thereby. See Dr.
‘ Horneck’s *Crucified Jesus*, Chap. 23.
‘ Mr. Kettlewell’s *Measures of Christian*
‘ *Obedience*, Book 2d throughout.

‘ Others have reduced the Sum and
‘ Substance of our Duty to the *Ten Com-*
‘ *mandments*; and by the Help thereof
‘ have, with great Advantage, performed
‘ this necessary Work. See the Art of
‘ Catechizing, p. 15, &c. 57, &c. Dr.
‘ Comber on the Common Prayer; His
‘ *Discourse* on the Communion-Office, or
‘ any Exposition of the *Ten Commandments*.

‘ Some have examined themselves by our
‘ *Lord’s Sermon on the Mount*, contained in
‘ the 5th, 6th, and 7th Chapters of St.
‘ *Matthew*. See Dr. Hammond’s *Exposi-*
‘ *tion of Christ’s Sermon on the Mount*, in
‘ his *Practical Catechism*, Lib. 2. Sect. 1,
‘ &c. Others have followed that general
‘ Division of Duty mentioned by St. *Paul*,
‘ Tit. ii. 12. namely, to God, our Neigh-
‘ bour, and ourselves, which is the Me-
‘ thod here proposed.

‘ I will

‘ I will mention but *one Method* more,
 ‘ namely, by recollecting the several Parts
 ‘ and Branches of the *Baptismal Vow*,
 ‘ making a Pause at each Particular; and
 ‘ enquiring how we have kept it; and in
 ‘ what Instances we have broken the so-
 ‘ lemn Engagements we then entered
 ‘ into. The Perusal of Dr. *Bray’s Dis-*
 ‘ *course upon the Baptismal Covenant*, or
 ‘ any other judicious Exposition on the
 ‘ Church Catechism, will be useful to
 ‘ us, when we examine ourselves in this
 ‘ Method.

‘ Those that have made some Progress
 ‘ in Christianity, and are in good earnest
 ‘ striving to enter in at the strait Gate,
 ‘ and walk in the narrow Way that leadeth
 ‘ to Life, find the Examination of them-
 ‘ selves much more easy than those who
 ‘ indulge themselves in Sin, and live care-
 ‘ less and negligent Lives; for the former
 ‘ are still labouring after a nearer Confor-
 ‘ mity to the Example of Christ Jesus,
 ‘ and keep a Watch and Guard over them-
 ‘ selves. Every Portion of Scripture they
 ‘ read and hear; every Grace and Virtue
 ‘ that is recommended in Public; every
 ‘ Sin, against which the Judgments of
 ‘ God are denounced, suggests Matter to
 L 5 ‘ them

‘ them to examine themselves by ; and
‘ they can presently, without any Re-
‘ luctance, put the Question to them-
‘ selves, Do I practise this or that Virtue?
‘ Am I guilty of this or that Sin ?

‘ It is not material which of these Me-
‘ thods we follow, provided the Thing be
‘ carefully done ; every one is at Liberty
‘ to choose which he thinks will best let
‘ him into the Knowledge of himself,
‘ and enable him to judge whether, ac-
‘ cording to the Terms of the Covenant
‘ made with Man in Christ Jesus, a happy
‘ or miserable Eternity is likely to be his
‘ Portion. If he wants more particular
‘ Directions, he may have Recourse to
‘ some spiritual Guide.

‘ Though Self-Examination be a Duty
‘ which ought no Day to be wholly omit-
‘ ted ; yet there are some Seasons wherein
‘ we ought to take a more exact Survey of
‘ our own State : Such are *Times of Trouble*
‘ and *Affliction* ; *Days of Fasting* and *Hu-*
‘ *miliation* ? and when (by the Assistance
‘ of the Divine Grace) we have a lively
‘ Sense of the *great Evil* and *damning Na-*
‘ *ture* of Sin ; and before we renew our
‘ our Covenant with God in the Holy
‘ Sacrament.’

A Prayer

A Prayer, consisting of Confession of Sins, and imploring Pardon and Grace, which may be used in our Preparation to the Sacrament, or at any other Times, of extraordinary Devotion.

I.

✱✱✱ Almighty Lord God, just and
✱✱ A ✱✱ holy, I desire to humble my-
✱✱ ✱✱ self before thee, in a deep Sense
of my own Vileness and Un-
worthiness, by Reason of the many and
great Sins I have at any Time committed
against thee, my Sovereign Lord and
Judge.

I have offended thee by evil Thoughts
of many Kinds; by vain, rash, false or
wicked Words; and by many unjust and
ungodly Deeds, which I have committed
against the Dictates of Reason, the Checks
of my own Conscience, and the known
Precepts of my Duty.

II.

I have too often neglected the Duties of
Religion, which is the great and important
L 6 Concern

Concern of my Life. And when I have performed them, it hath been often carelessly and out of Custom, or without due Affection and Attention of Mind.

I have not served thee with that Purity of Intention, with that Sincerity of Heart, with that Fervency of Spirit, with that Zeal for thy Glory, with that Watchfulness, Care, Diligence, and Constancy, that I ought.

If I have been at any Time sensible of my Sins and Infirmities, I have not preserved such a Sense of them, as ought to have made me more circumspect and watchful against them, or less liable to censure or condemn other Men; but have too rashly condemned my Neighbour, or impaired his Credit; or given Countenance to others who have done so; or not discouraged them in so doing, as I might and ought.

III.

The Pleasures and Business of this Life, or the Desires of growing Rich, or being Great, have caused me too often to forget that I am but a Stranger upon Earth, and that my Days are as a Shadow, that will soon pass away.

Nor

Nor have I so far disengaged my Heart, as by thy Grace I might, from all Things here below, as to have my Hopes and Affections principally set on Things above, and on that Happiness which will last for evermore.

But I have been too anxious and solicitous for the Things of this Life, not considering thy gracious Promise, that if I first seek the Kingdom of God, and his Righteousness, all Things necessary shall be added unto me.

Nor have I been so contented with my Condition in this World, nor so resigned to thy Providence, as I ought.

How little have I mortified my Members which are upon the Earth, inordinate Affection, evil Concupiscence, and Covetousness! and yet I know, that if any one love the World, the Love of the Father is not in him; and that the Poor in Spirit are blessed.

IV.

I have not been sufficiently thankful for the continued Effects of thy Bounty towards me. Neither have I received the afflicting Dispensations of thy Providence
with

with such Patience and Submission as is due to thy Wisdom, nor made such Improvements and Advantages of them, as thy Goodness did thereby intend me.

V.

I know that Religion has nothing in it that is worthy of Blame or Reproach, but is of all Things the most comely, and worthy of a Man; and yet out of a foolish Regard to the Opinions and Censures of Men, I have too often been ashamed to practise divers important Duties, and to discountenance the evil Practices or Vices of others, or to own the Cause of Virtue and Piety; not considering that whosoever is ashamed of Christ and his Words, in this adulterous and sinful Generation, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he cometh in the Glory of his Father with the Holy Angels.

VI.

I believe that all Scripture is given by Inspiration of God, and is profitable for Doctrine, for Reproof, for Correction, for Instruction in Righteousness, that such as desire, and sincerely endeavour to serve thee truly, may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good Works. And yet,
O God,

O God, how seldom, how little, have I read and pondered thy Holy Word ! how much have I omitted searching the Scriptures ! and how foolish in reading other Books more than them ! Not considering they best set before us the Way of Life, and the Way of Death, and teach us what we must do to be saved from the Wrath to come, and to inherit eternal Life.

And when I have read thy holy Word, it hath not been with such good Dispositions, with such an attentive and teachable Mind, with such an humble Heart, and sincere Intentions to do whatsoever I should perceive to be thy Will, as I ought.

VII.

I have not had that just, that low and mean Opinion of myself, that I ought ; but have been too much desirous of the Praises of Men.

I have not been so meek and gentle, so patient and considerate under Reproaches, or ill Treatment, as I ought ; but have been too often carried out into such Degrees of Anger or Resentment, as have discomposed myself, or injured my Neighbour ; nor have I been so ready to put the fairest and most charitable Constructions upon his Words or Actions, as I ought.

VIII.

VIII.

In my Transactions with Men, I have not had Regard to such sincere and candid Dealing, or Equity, as I ought; but have been too deceitful in my Words or Actions; and often too severe and rigorous in demanding my Dues, or too backward in paying others, when, or in such reasonable Measure, as I could and ought.

I have been too insensible of the Wants and Miseries of my Neighbour; nor have I had that Tendernefs and Compassion towards him, as to embrace all such Opportunities of Relieving him, as I had Opportunity and Ability to do.

On all Accounts I have too little considered the Blessing thou hast promised to the Merciful, and the many and great Mercies I daily receive of thee, and that I shall stand in need of much more and greater Mercy from thee at the great Day of our Lord.

I know the Pure in Heart are blessed, for thou hast promised they shall see thee, O God. And yet so insensible, and unmoved have I been, that I have taken little Care to cleanse myself from all Filthiness of Flesh and Spirit, so as to sanctify thee,
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my Lord God, in my Heart, whereby I might have a good Hope of seeing thee, O God, in whose Presence is Fulness of Joy for evermore.

I know, to this Bliss, Holiness is the Way; and yet how feeble and inconstant have been my Endeavours after it!

IX.

I have not been so careful in employing my Time as I ought; but have spent much of it in Eating and Drinking, and Sleeping, beyond what the Support and Refreshment of Nature required, and too much in what I have called Recreation and Diversion. I have spent too much Time in dressing and adorning my Body; and in paying or receiving formal or impertinent Visits; and have several other Ways spent much of my precious Time idly or unprofitably to myself or others.

How little Time have I spent in Reading, Meditation, and Self-Examination!

How little in Mortification, Abstinence, Fasting and Retirement? And yet the Day of my Life is far spent, and the Night of Death is at Hand, when no Man can work.

X.

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How backward have I been to examine the State of my Soul, and to call my Sins to Remembrance, so as to mourn and be affected with a godly Sorrow for them !

XI.

O ! how strong a Propension have I to do Evil ! and how strange an Unwillingness to do Good !

I confess, and lament, and bewail my wretched State. I am corrupt. I have strayed out of the Way of Life and Happiness ; my Conscience accuseth me, and my Heart condemneth me. Yet, lo, thou, O God, are greater than my Heart, and knowest all Things---[*Here more Particulars may be mentioned*] And, especially, I lament and bewail before Thee, from whom nothing is hid, that I have grievously offended Thee by---[*Here name the particular Sins.*]

XII.

These my Sins, with many more that I cannot remember, are all in thy Sight, and have left their wretched and miserable Effects upon my Mind and Heart ; whereby thy Image, in which I was created, is become defaced ; and I am estranged from

from thee, my God, my true, and only Good and Happiness. So that when I look back upon the Errors and Miscarriages of my Life, and reflect how little I possess of the Spirit and Temper of the Gospel, *My Heart trembleth for fear of thee, and I am afraid of thy Judgments.* Oh ! how shall I appear before the Judgment-Seat of Christ, *when he shall come in his Power with the holy Angels, to judge every Man according to his Works, and take Vengeance on them that obey not the Gospel,* since my Life has been so unconformable thereto !

But I repent, O my God, I repent, I accuse and condemn myself, I am grieved, I am troubled, and am heartily sorry for these my Misdoings, and turn unto thee with full Purpose and Resolutions of sincere Obedience for the Time to come.

And I beseech thee, O Lord, who art gracious and merciful, long-suffering, and of great Goodness, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for the Ungodly, for his Sake, and for thy Goodness Sake, pardon and forgive all my Sins ; my Sins of Ignorance, and those I have committed through Want of Care and Circumspection

spection, but especially, all my wilful Sins, and those Transgressions whereby I have any ways scandalized the Christian Profession, or occasioned others to fall, and which I lament before thee.

O Lord, Holy Father, who alone canst order the unruly Wills and Affections of sinful Men, who gavest thy Son to die, that he might redeem us from all Iniquity; pardon and rectify the Impurity of my Heart and Life, all irregular Appetites and Passions, and every wicked Practice, of what Nature or Kind soever; that all my Members being mortified from all worldly and carnal Lusts, I may no longer live in the Flesh, to the Lusts of Men, but according to thy Will, O God; and for ever hereafter live godly, righteously, and soberly in this present evil World.

And seeing I am not able to do these Things of myself, strengthen me, I beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost, and daily increase in me thy manifold Gifts of Grace; the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and ghostly Strength, the Spirit of Knowledge and true Godliness; and fill me, O Lord, with the Spirit of thy holy Fear; that I
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may have Victory, and Triumph against the Devil, the World and the Flesh, and at the last obtain the Gift of eternal Life, which thou hast promised to all those that sincerely love and obey thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



Another Form of Confession, which may be used instead of the former.

✠✠✠✠ Most Great and Glorious Lord
✠ O ✠ God, Just and Terrible in thy
✠✠✠✠ Judgments to all obstinate and
rebellious Sinners, but of infinite Mercy to such as truly repent, and turn unto thee; look down, I beseech thee, with the Eyes of Mercy, upon me, who now present myself before thee, acknowledging that I am not worthy to lift up my Eyes to the Throne of thy glorious Majesty. O Lord, my Sins are so many and so great, that it is owing to thy infinite Goodness and Mercy, that I have now an Opportunity of humbling myself before

before thee, and begging Mercy for my Soul, which I confess, has greatly sinned against thee.

I acknowledge, O my God, that thou hast, by innumerable Instances, manifested thyself to be a most kind and indulgent Father; but alas! I have abused thy Goodness, and made very ungrateful Returns for thy exceeding Kindness and Mercy. Instead of loving and delighting in thee, and paying thee a filial and chearful Obedience, I find in myself many times a great Proneness to offend thee, and a great Backwardness and Indisposition to do those Things which thou requirest of me.

O Lord! I lament and bewail the Corruption of my Nature, most sorrowfully confessing before thee, that I have too great a Desire after the Things of this World; too great a Fondness for the Profits and Pleasures of it: And though I am fully persuaded, that it is my Happiness and Privilege, as well as my Duty, to love and serve thee, yet I am very apt to forget thee, and to grow careless and remiss in that great and important Work, which thou hast given me to do.

O my God! I confess with Sorrow that this World hath taken such Hold of my Affections,

Affections, that I neither love thee, serve thee, nor obey thee as I ought to do; my Devotion to thee is many times cold and languid; my Prayers are full of Wanderings, Deadness and Distractions, and the very best of my religious Duties are accompanied with so many Failings and Imperfections, that I have great Cause to humble myself before thee.

“ How greatly, O God,
 “ have I offended thee, by
 “ Lust and Intemperance,
 “ by Peevishness, Passion and Anger, by
 “ Covetousness and Ambition, by Pride
 “ and Envy, by Prejudice and Ill-will
 “ towards my Neighbour, by murmur-
 “ ing and repining at the Dispensations
 “ of thy Providence, and by an Unwil-
 “ lingsness to resign myself to thy Dis-
 “ posal in all Things? How frequently
 “ have I violated my baptismal Engage-
 “ ments, by preferring the Vanities of
 “ this wicked World, before thy Favour,
 “ and by suffering my Heart, which has
 “ been so often dedicated to thy Service,
 “ to be brought under the Bondage and
 “ Dominion of Sin and Folly?”

*This is to be va-
 ried or omitted,
 as every one sees
 fit.*

And what shall I now say unto thee, O
 thou Preserver of Men! O Lord, I have

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no Hope but in thy Mercy, and the infinite Merits of my dear Redeemer: And if thou rejectest me, I am lost and undone for ever. But, O thou compassionate Lover of Souls! who knowest whereof we are made, and rememberest that we are but Dust, turn not thy Face from me, nor cast thy Servant away in Displeasure; let the Intercessions of thy beloved Son prevail in my Behalf, and for the Sake of his meritorious Death and Passion, for all that he has done, and all that he has suffered for me, have Mercy upon me; pardon and forgive, I most earnestly and unfeignedly beseech thee, all the Sins and Follies of my Life past, which are more than I can number, and greater than I am able to bear; and more especially, O my God, lay not to my Charge---[*Here again may be named Particulars.*] O cleanse me from all my secret and unknown Transgressions, and vouchsafe, O Merciful Father, to be reconciled unto me, who am sorry for my Sins, and grieved that I have offended thee, my most gracious Lord and Master, to whom I owe all the Returns of Love and Duty, that can possibly be paid by a Creature to his Creator.

O Lord, reserve not my Sins to be punished in the Day of thy fierce Anger; (for who can dwell with everlasting Burnings! who is able to abide the Fury of thy Wrath! but spare me, O most mighty God, and merciful Saviour; and grant that I may never fall into those Evils which my Sins have justly deserved. Thy Property is always to have Mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive Sin; O turn away thy Anger from me, who meekly acknowledge my Vileness, and truly repent me of my Faults, and do now unfeignedly turn unto thee, with full Purpose and Resolution of Heart to serve thee faithfully, and to make it the great Care and Endeavour of my Life to please and obey thee.

O Lord! there is nothing that I desire so much, as to be of the Number of thy faithful and obedient Servants: Thy Favour is better than Life itself; thy Service is the most perfect Freedom. O enable me, by the Assistance of thy blessed Spirit, to forsake all my Sins, and to reform whatever has been amiss in the Temper and Disposition of my Mind, or in any of the Actions of my Life. Open thou mine Eyes, that I may see the Vileness
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and Deformity, as well as Danger of Sin; that I may fly from all Appearance of Evil, and with an unwearied Diligence follow after and pursue the Things that make for my everlasting Peace. Grant, that for the Time to come I may live only unto thee, in an awful Fear of thy great Name, and a constant Regard to thy blessed Will, keeping always a Conscience void of Offence, both towards thee, and all Men.

Give me Grace to spend my Time religiously, soberly, and usefully, in the subduing my Passions, mortifying my corrupt Inclinations, and in the Practice of all those Duties thou requirest of me; that when thou shalt think fit to take me out of this State of Trial and Temptation here, I may be received into that blessed Kingdom, where all Tears shall be wiped from my Eyes, and Sin and Death shall be no more. Grant this, O merciful Father, through the Merits, and for the Sake of thy Son, and my alone Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer

A Prayer to be used at the same Time, or shortly after either of the foregoing Confessions.

✠✠✠✠ Most Gracious and Merciful Father, who in Pity and Compassion to my Soul, hast given me this Opportunity of humbling myself before thee, accept, I earnestly intreat thee, of my unfeigned Sorrow for all the Sins which I have committed against thy Divine Majesty; I confess it bears no Proportion to the Heinousness of my Offences; O do thou in much Mercy look upon me, and let the infinite Merits of my dear Redeemer supply all my Defects; and refuse not, I beseech thee, for his dear Sake, to be reconciled unto me, and to admit me into thy Favour, without which I am of all Creatures the most miserable.

O Lord, there is nothing that I desire so much, as to be delivered from the Power and Dominion of my Sins, and to be at perfect Peace with thee; for I have no Rest, so long as I think I am under thy Displeasure. I humbly therefore beg

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leave at this Time to renew the Vows and Resolutions I have often made, of loving and obeying thee; and for that End, I offer unto thy Divine Majesty my Soul and Body, and all that is mine, humbly beseeching thee to take them into thy Custody, that being in Safety under thy Protection, they may be for ever devoted to thee and thy Service.

It is not, O Lord, with any Confidence in my own Strength, that I presume to give up myself to thy Obedience (for alas! I am sensible that my Heart is very false, and too easily drawn away by the deceitful Tempter) but all my Hope, and all my Dependence, is in thy Almighty Power and Goodness; and to that I humbly fly for Help against the cruel Enemy of my Soul, who is daily lying in wait to destroy me. I know thy Grace is sufficient for me, and therefore in Thee do I put my Trust. Thou art my Hope and my Confidence, my Saviour and mighty Deliverer; O never leave me then to myself, nor to the Weakness of my own corrupt Nature; but let thy Holy Spirit be always present with me to defend me in all my Conflicts, to support me under my many Weaknesses and Infirmities, to instruct

instruct me in all difficult Cases, and to carry me in Safety through the Trials and Temptations of this dangerous and deceitful World; and grant, O merciful Father, that I may never grieve that Blessed Spirit, nor fall into those Sins and Impurities, which will cause him to leave and forsake me, and to abandon me to my own foolish and perverse Will; but give me Grace in all Things to follow his Guidance and Direction, and to devote myself entirely to a Life of Virtue and Religion; that denying all Ungodliness, and worldly Lusts, I may live righteously, soberly, and godly, in this present World; and after I have served thee faithfully in this Life, I may be received into those blessed Regions of everlasting Rest and Peace, which thou hast reserved for them that truly and sincerely love and serve thee; through the Merits of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ the Righteous. *Amen.*

A Confession of Sins, to be used by a grievous Sinner, who having led a very wicked Life, is now come to a Sense of his Sins, and desires to humble himself before God for the same.

✠✠✠✠ Most mighty God ! Thou art a
✠ O ✠ consuming Fire to all rebellious
✠ ✠ and impenitent Sinners ; a dread-
ful Avenger of such as are obsti-
nately wicked, but a most compassionate
Father to all those that truly repent, and
turn unto thee ; O how shall I dare to
speak unto thee, who am all over Sin and
Pollution ; a Creature vile and loathsome
in my own Eyes by Reason of my Sins,
but much more so in thine, who art a
God of infinite Purity and Holiness, and
hatest Iniquity with a perfect Hatred ! O
Lord, when I look back upon my past
Life, I am astonished at thy Patience and
Long-Suffering towards me ; and must ac-
knowledge, that had thou dealt with me
as I have deserved, I had long before this
been condemned to endless Misery and
Torments.

Torments. For ever adored be that Goodness of thine, which has dealt so graciously with me; for ever praised be that Mercy, which has snatched me out of the Jaws of the devouring Lion, and saved me from the Pit of Destruction, which I was running headlong into; for ever magnified be that Grace, which has at last touched my Heart with a Sense of my Sins, and given me this Opportunity of humbling myself before thee.

O Lord, I do now most sorrowfully bewail and lament before thee, the Sins and Iniquities of my past Life, which are so exceeding many and great, that as I am confounded at the Guilt of them, so I know not where to begin when I would confess them before thee. Even from my Youth up have I been a rebellious and disobedient Sinner, a Contemner of thy Laws, and one of those wretched Fools, that have made a Mock at Sin, and would not hearken to wise Counsel and Reproof; I have grieved and despised my Parents, derided my Superiors, and followed the Dictates of my own foolish and perverse Will; my Mind has been overspread with Blindness and Ignorance, Folly and false Reasonings, and almost every Power and

Faculty of my Soul is corrupted and defaced; that Time, which should have been employed to holy and excellent Purposes, I have either consumed upon my Lusts, or trifled away in vain and unprofitable Pursuits.

Wretched Fool that I was! How have I preferred a Life of Folly and Madness, of Riot and Extravagance, of Noise and Disorder; a Life that has yielded no other Fruits, but those bitter ones of Shame and Remorse, of Sorrow and Affliction, before the Peace, and Pleasure, and Serenity of a virtuous, sober, and religious Conversation! How have I thought the Ways of Religion dull and unpleasant; and nothing any further eligible, than as it conduced to the Pleasures and Profits of this World!

O my God, I have sinned against thee with a high Hand, and have led a Life directly opposite to thy blessed Will; I have most grievously neglected the Duties of Religion both in public and private, having spent little of my Time in thy Service, and that little (O Lord, thou knowest) in a profane or unworthy Manner; while others have been offering up their Prayers and Praises to thy Divine Majesty, or listening to thy holy Word, my
Eyes

Eyes have been frequently wandering after Vanity, and my Mind full of idle and impertinent, and many times (alas! with Shame I confess it) of wanton and lascivious Thoughts.

O Lord! I dare not say, that I have spent any one Day of my Life to thy Honour and Glory; but how many Days, nay Years, have I spent in the Service of Sin; in Lust and Intemperance; Brutishness and Sensuality; in profaning thy Sabbaths, abusing thy sacred Name, ridiculing thy holy Word, despising thy Ministers, and making a jest of all that is serious?

I have been proud and envious, lustful and intemperate, passionate and angry, full of Malice, Hatred, and Revenge; I have been guilty of flandering and abusing, injuring and defrauding of my Neighbour; or of lewd Actions, and obscene Discourses; of profane and filthy Jest; and of frequent Cursing, Swearing, and Lying. And more particularly, O Lord, I do most sorrowfully confess, and lament before thee, to whom all Things are naked and open, that I have most grievously offended thee by--*[Here name Particulars.]*

And besides the Guilt of these my Sins, I have greatly increased it by the Sins of others. How many have been tempted and persuaded to sin against thee, either by my Advice, Encouragement, or ill Example! Alas! I have not only been wicked, very wicked myself, but, with Shame and Sorrow I confess it, I have been instrumental in making others so too; particularly——[*Here again may be named any particular Sin of this Nature.*] Lord, what Scandal have I brought to Religion, what Dishonour to thy Name; what Reproach to the Christian Profession by these my wicked and sinful Practices!

And what shall I now say unto Thee, O God, whose Goodness I have thus abused; whose Mercies I have slighted; whose Promises and Threatenings declared in the Gospel, I have rejected; and whose Judgments I have despised? What Hope can I entertain of the Merits of a Saviour, whose blood I have, as it were, trampled under Foot! or what Comfort can I expect from the kind Influences of the ever-blessed Spirit; whose Motions I have so often rejected; whose Calls and Invitations I have so long been deaf to, and

whom I have so often grieved by my wicked and sinful Practices!

Oh! whither shall I then fly for Succour! Who shall deliver me from the Wrath of that God, whom I have thus offended? Shall I call upon the Mountains to cover me, or the Deep to swallow me up? Alas, there is nothing can hide me from his All-searching Eye: O blessed Saviour of the World! Thou alone art my Refuge; in thee is all my Hope, all my Support; and if thou rejectest me, I am lost and undone for ever: Oh! turn not away thy Face from me, nor cast thy Servant away in Displeasure: Be thou my Advocate with the Father, and let thy Blood be the Propitiation for my Sins.

And, O most merciful Father, thou infinite and compassionate Lover of Souls! who delightest not in the Death of the Wicked, nor despisest the Tears of a returning Sinner, for the Sake of thy dear Son. I most earnestly beseech thee to hear the Groans of me, a miserable Sinner, who am ready to sink under the heavy weight and burden of Sin. Look with Pity upon me, I humbly intreat thee, who am not worthy, I confess, to lift up

my polluted Eyes to Heaven; my Sins have made me the just Object of thy Wrath! and shouldest thou now be deaf to all my Supplications, it would be but a just Return for my having so long refused to hearken to thy gracious Calls and Invitations to Repentance. O miserable Wretch that I am; that I should ever thus offend so good, so merciful a Father; that ever I should make him my Enemy, who is the kindest, and the best of Friends; Lord, I condemn myself, and abhor the Follies of my past Life; my Flesh trembleth for fear of thee, and I am horribly afraid of thy Judgments; for who can stand in thy Sight when thou art angry? or who is able to abide the Fury of thy Wrath?

O my God! I have no Hope but in that Mercy of thine, which thou hast manifested in the Redemption of the World, by thy Son Christ Jesus; that alone is the Support of my Soul under all its Sorrow and Anguish; in Him I know and am assured, that thou art a merciful God, full of Compassion, Long-suffering, and of great Pity; thou sparest when we deserve Punishment, and in thy Wrath
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thinkest upon Mercy; Spare me, therefore, O good Lord, spare me, and be not angry with me for ever: Wash away all my Sins in the Blood of thy dear Son, who came into the World to save Sinners; and for the Sake of his meritorious Death and Passion, and for all the Sufferings which he underwent for the Sins of the whole World, pardon and forgive, I most earnestly, and most unfeignedly beseech thee, all the Sins and Transgressions of my past Life, more particularly——
Cleanse thou me, O my God, from all my secret and unknown Sins; and O be thou reconciled unto me, and receive me to thy Favour, which, though I have hitherto so foolishly slighted, yet I now value and prefer above all the Pleasures of this World. Alas! my Lusts and Passions have for a long Time had the Dominion over me; they have blinded and seduced me, and my whole Life has been one continued Error and Mistake; but, Lord, thou hast been pleased to open my Eyes, when I was just at the very Brink of Destruction, and shewn me the Precipice I was falling into; and now I see and condemn the Folly of my past Life, and am sensible, that unless thy Pity had interposed,

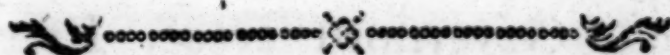
terposed, I must have perished for ever. O let that infinite Love, which moved thee to so astonishing a Mercy, be still continued to me, a poor, wretched, helpless Creature; shew thou me the Path that leads to everlasting Life, and give me such a Sense of thy amazing Goodness to me, that I may never again wander into those Ways that lead to Death and Destruction. Take from me, O God, this hardened and corrupt Heart, and give me a new Heart, new Affections, and new Desires, that I may become entirely a new Creature, dedicated to thy Service, and devoted to thy Fear and Love.

Give me, O Lord, such an unfeigned Repentance of all my past Sins, such Hatred and Abhorrence of my former evil Ways, that I may from this Moment take a final Leave of all my beloved Lusts and sinful Pleasures. Give me that humble and contrite Spirit, whose Groans thou dost never refuse; that Faith which overcometh the World, and which will enable me to conquer my own inveterate Habits; and that Love, which will make me afraid to offend thee; and which will inspire me with Resolutions active and vigorous, honest and sincere; such, as by the Assistance
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of thy Grace and Holy Spirit, may carry me through all Difficulties, and be Proof against all the Temptations of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil.

O Lord, hear me, O Lord, help me, and have Mercy upon me: O Lord, pity, and save my Soul for thy Truth and Mercy's Sake in Jesus Christ. *Amen.* Blessed Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



Prayers containing a Profession of Godly Sorrow for Sins, and of Resolutions of new Obedience.

I.

✠✠✠✠ Call my Ways to Remembrance,
✠ I ✠ O Lord, with a troubled Heart;
✠✠✠✠ my Evil-Doings are before my
Eyes, and are vile and loathsome
in my own Sight, because they have made
me so in thine; they are a Burthen upon
my Spirit, a fore Burthen, too heavy for
me to bear.

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But now, O my God, with a Heart sorrowful and penitent, I turn from my evil Ways, resolving by thy Grace to become a new Creature; from this Day forward I am fully purposed to betake myself to a religious Course of Life; O let not Iniquity be my Ruin.

II.

And from my sins, O Holy Father, which are the Shame and Burden of my Life, I turn unto thee, who art the Glory and Comfort, and shalt for ever be the Guide and Governor thereof. I turn unto thee with a broken and contrite Heart, O receive and comfort me, and despise not, I beseech thee, the Work of thy own Hands. I turn to thee with my whole Heart, and make no Reserves, nor will retain any Allowance of my former Sins; no, not of those, which have been most delightful to me; and are hardest to be parted with; for if I regard Iniquity in my Heart, I know thou wilt not hear me; and therefore I will make haste, and not delay to keep thy Commandments.

O Lord, I beg no greater Mercy than to be found steadfast in thy Ways; nor shall account any Thing so great a Happiness,

pineness, as that which serves to keep me faithful unto thee, I am content that my Ways should be hedged up with Thorns, with Troubles and Afflictions, or any thing that is grievous to Flesh and Blood, rather than I should ever forsake the Paths of Righteousness, to wander again after my former Vanities; for 'tis the unfeigned Desire of the Heart, and shall be the great Endeavour of my Life, above all Things to serve and please thee, and to hold me fast by thee, who art the faithful Guide and Keeper of my Soul; and my earnest Prayer to thee is, that thou would'st preserve me from falling away from thy Fear, and forfeiting that Mercy which thou hast promised to the returning Sinner.

III.

And having now, by thy Grace, O merciful Father, these holy Thoughts and Desires in my Heart, I earnestly beg of thee, who art the blessed Author and Giver of all Grace, that I may never lose or forget them. I give my Heart entirely to thee, and humbly pray, that it may be always in thy Hands, since it is so unconstant in what is Good, and so prone to what is Evil, when it is in my
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own Keeping. O Father, keep it steadfast and unmoveable in thy Ways; let it not be inclined to any evil Thing, nor lean towards my former Vanities; keep my Eyes from beholding Wickedness, and my Ears from listening to the deceitful Tempter; let not my Lips utter any thing that is evil, nor my Feet move a Step in the Paths of Death; but let every Member of my Body, every Faculty of my Soul, be employed in thy Service, till thou bringest me to the Enjoyment of thy blessed Self, in that Place of Bliss and Happiness, where thou dwellest for evermore. Grant this, O most merciful God, for the Sake, and through the Intercession of my dearest Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

IV.

O Lord, I am not worthy to lift up my Eyes unto thee; but whither should a Wretch in Guilt and Misery look, but unto thee, the Fountain of all Mercy? Whither, but to a God, whose Mercy is greater than our Wickedness? To a God, whose Property it is to be kind to his Enemies; and whose Patience to bear our Sins, is as great as his Power to punish them; and who had much rather be reconciled to us, than take Vengeance on
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us? Whither indeed, but to thee, O God of all Grace and Comfort, who shewest Mercy to the Unworthy, and invitest us with all the Tenderneſs and Bowels of a compaſſionate Father, to turn from our evil Ways, and be for ever happy in thy eternal Kingdom.

V.

Encouraged therefore by thy Goodneſs, O Lord, I addreſs myſelf unto thee, who am ready to ſink under the heavy Load of Guilt and Miſery: But I make no Plea, but for thy Mercy; nor have any Pretence to claim it (for alas! I muſt with Shame acknowledge, I have very much abuſed it) but through thy inexpréſſible Love, I know I have a moſt merciful Saviour, who died to purchaſe Salvation for us; and who now powerfully intercedes with thee for the Pardon of true Penitents! O! for his dear Sake, receive me graciously to thy Mercy, and be not angry with me for ever. Forgive me, O merciful Father, for I am heartily ſorry for all the Evils which I have done; forgive all my Sins, for I am fully reſolved, by thy Grace, to love and ſerve thee: Forgive me, O moſt gracious God, for I forgive all that have offended me, and do intreat thee to forgive

forgive them likewise. O do not exact Punishment of me for my Sins, but extend thy Mercy and Pardon to my Soul, for my dear Redeemer's Sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VI.

And having thus utterly renounced my Sins, O holy Father, I desire above all Things to partake of thy Righteousness; having defaced and corrupted myself, I would fain be made new by thee; having hitherto miscarried, whilst I would be in my own Hands, I desire now to be altogether in thine, and never more to wander from thee; and therefore, whatever else I lose, my earnest and longing Prayer is, that I may recover thy Likeness, and be made conformable to thy Will in all Things, through Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

VII.

I know, O Gracious Lord, that I cannot receive this, but from thyself; O therefore be thou both the blessed Giver, and the Gift: I confess that I am utterly unworthy to have thy divine Image stamped upon my Soul, but alas! I extremely need it, and extremely value it; and I dearly
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love thee, O my God, or else I should not be thus desirous to be like thee.

Hear me therefore, O gracious Father, and breathe into my Heart that Spirit which renews us after thine own Image, in Righteousness and true Holiness.

Blessed Jesus, who seekest out Sinners to make them good, do not reject me now when I seek to thee to make me better. I am poor and naked, Oh! clothe me with thy Righteousness; my good Thoughts are changeable and unconstant; but Oh! do thou establish and fix them by thy Grace: Set up thy Kingdom, O Jesu, in my Heart; for to become thy faithful Servant is more to me than to have the Empire of this World. Keep me steadfast in serving thee, till thou takest me finally to enjoy thee.

VIII.

O Saviour of the World! save me, who by thy Cross and Passion hast redeemed me: Help me, and save me, I beseech thee, O my God.

IX.

Grant, O Lord, that at all Times I may account my Sins to be my Shame, and make thy Laws to be my Rule, and thy blessed Will in every Thing my Choice

and Satisfaction. O let thy Promises be my Hope, thy Providence my Guard, thy Grace my Strength, and thy blessed Self my Portion both now and evermore. *Amen.*

X.

The Lord bless me and keep me; the Lord lift up the Light of his Countenance upon me; the Lord give me Peace, even that Peace of his, which passes all Understanding, through the Merits and Mediation of my dear Redeemer Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with the Father, and the Eternal Spirit, be all Honour, Glory, Love, Service, and Obedience, throughout all Ages. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

‘ It may be convenient before you proceed any farther, to read and meditate
 ‘ on such *Portions of Scripture* as you find
 ‘ yourself most affected with; or to consider the *Nature* and *Attributes* of God;
 ‘ or the *Fall* and *miserable State of Man*,
 ‘ and his *Redemption* by Jesus Christ; or
 ‘ to meditate on such *particular Duties* as
 ‘ you find yourself to have been defective
 ‘ in;

‘ in; or on the *Rewards* promised to good
 ‘ Men, and on the *Punishments* denounced
 ‘ against the wicked, as those Things are
 ‘ laid down in the *Holy Scriptures*, which
 ‘ are our *only infallible Guide*; on which
 ‘ Occasion, the Book intituled, *The Chris-*
 ‘ *tian Institutes*, or *the sincere Word of God*,
 ‘ will be very useful, it containing the
 ‘ whole Faith and Duty of a Christian,
 ‘ digested under proper Heads, and de-
 ‘ livered in the Words of Scripture, so
 ‘ that the Reader may find there together
 ‘ those Scriptures which may concern
 ‘ any Article of Faith, or particular
 ‘ Duty, together with the Scripture-Mo-
 ‘ tives for the Practice thereof. After
 ‘ the devout Christian has spent some lit-
 ‘ tle Time in Reading and Meditation,
 ‘ as aforesaid, he may use the following
 ‘ Prayers.’

A Prayer

*A Prayer consisting of Petitions for the
Virtues of a Christian Life.*

I.

✠✠✠✠ MOST merciful and gracious God,
✠✠ M ✠✠ who of thy great Goodness didst
✠✠✠✠ give thy Son Jesus Christ to
take upon him our Nature, and
to humble himself to Death, even the
Death of the Cross :

I beseech thee, by his infinite Con-
descension, by his perfect Obedience, and
by his meritorious Sufferings; not only
to *pardon* my past Sins, but to endue me
with *Power* and *Strength* to resist them
for the Time to come.

Replenish me with such *supernatural*
Gifts and *Graces* of the *Holy Spirit*, as
may enable me not only to act conform-
ably to the Light of my own Mind, but
make me readily obey thy heavenly Mo-
tions, and constantly follow the Precepts
of the Holy Scriptures.

Give me a zealous Sense of *Piety* to-
wards thee, my great Lord and Sovereign,
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and a due *Regard* to all thy sacred and Divine Truths.

Let me reverence thy *Word* and *Worship*, and all Things and Persons dedicated, and devoted to thy peculiar Service.

Let me *submit* to all the *Afflictions* thou shalt think fit to lay upon me, with Patience and with Meekness.

Let me *trust* to thy *Providence*, to supply me under all Dangers and Necessities.

And let me thankfully acknowledge thy *Bounty*, for all those good Things which thou so freely hast bestowed upon me.

II.

Give me, O Lord, that *Divine Wisdom*, which proposes the pleasing thee, as the End and Aim of all my Actions; and which directs to all those Means which thou hast graciously established for the working out my Salvation.

That my precious *Time* may not be employed in hunting after Trifles; that my natural *Talents* may not be buried and drowned in brutish Sensuality: that my *Study* may not be Vanity, nor my *Labour* Folly; but that framing a *right Judgment* in all Things, I may fix my Mind upon
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those Pleasures which are at thy Right Hand, which are permanent and durable.

And that the great *Care* and *Business* of my Life may be to obtain to thy Favour, who art the Sovereign Good of my Soul, and who only canst satisfy all my Desires.

To this End, inure me to *spiritual Objects* by constant and fervent Prayer, by entertaining my Thought with pious Meditations, by reading and hearing thy holy Word with Reverence and Attention, and by frequently approaching thy Altar with Humility and Devotion.

And above all, let a constant *Fear* of offending thee my God, put me upon my Guard, and make me watchful amidst those imminent Dangers and Temptations that surround me in this my Pilgrimage on Earth.

Thou, O Lord, who resisted the *Proud*, and givest Grace to the *Lowly*, endue me with true *Humility*, the Model of which thy only Son traced out for the Practice of the Faithful.

That I may have a just Sense of all my Weaknesses and Follies, and may readily submit to the meanest Offices for the Welfare and Benefit of my Fellow-Christians.

That

That I may restrain all immoderate Desires of *Honour*, by doing nothing through Strife or Vain-glory; and that I may never exalt myself upon the Account of any Advantage I enjoy of Body or Mind above others, by remembering that it is not the Effect of my Merit, but of thy infinite Goodness and distinguishing Mercy.

Oh! deliver me from the Slavery and Dominion of *Pride*, which threw Angels from Heaven, and drove Man out of Paradise, which produces so much Evil and Torment wherever it resides, and which, above all, is so hateful in thy Sight.

III.

Grant, O Lord, that I may *love* thee above all Things, who art infinitely perfect in thy Nature.

That I may desire thee above all Things, who art full of Mercy and Compassion towards the Children of Men.

Who is there in Heaven but thee? And who upon Earth that I can desire in Comparison of thee? As the Heart thirsteth after the Water-Brooks, so let my Soul long after thee, O God.

Let the *Allurements* of the World, and the *Enjoyments* of Sense, appear as trifling Entertainments, in Comparison of the Pleasure and Happiness of serving thee, and doing Good.

Let the *Difficulties* and *Dangers* which I meet with in the way of my Duty, be so far from discouraging me, that they may excite my *Zeal*, increase my *Resolution*, and serve only to make the Pleasure of loving thee more intense and perfect.

Let the Divine Flame of thy *Love* burn so bright in my Soul, that it may free my Mind from all vile Affections, and may influence all my Actions; so that I may carefully observe all thy holy Laws, and farther evidence its Certainty, by diligently consulting the temporal and spiritual Happiness of my Neighbour.

O, let it suppress all the bitter Effects of *Envy*, that I may compassionate the Misfortunes of others, and rejoice in all good Things thou art pleased to bestow upon them.

That I may be tender of my Neighbour's *Reputation*, and never expose it to rash Censures, nor diminish it by the Relation of his real Infirmities.

That

That I may guard my Heart from secretly repining at his Prosperity, or triumphing in his Calamity.

That I may set a *Watch* upon the *Door* of my Lips; that I may speak no Evil concerning him, nor utter any Words of Detraction.

That it may quiet and appease the furious Boiling of *Anger* in my Mind, by making me patient and meek under all Provocations, by disposing me to forgive Offences, and never to return any injurious Treatment.

That it may conquer wordly Sorrow, which worketh Death by a comfortable Expectation of future Happiness.

That it may expel *Malice*, by doing Good; that it may strengthen my Weakness, by Fortitude; cure my Despair, by Hope; my Listlessness, by spiritual Exercises; and restrain the Wanderings of my Mind towards unlawful Things, by making me stedfast and unmoveable in the Work of the Lord.

IV.

Give me, O Lord, a sober *Abstinence*, that I may know how to abound, and how to want.

That my Appetites may be kept under strict Government, since the indulging of them by our first Parents brought Death into the World.

That they may always observe their due Bounds, by administering to the Necessities of Life, and never support and encourage Luxury, which is boundless and infinite, which brings forth Scurrility, and Immodesty, which depresses the Soul, and renders it unapt for spiritual Enjoyments.

Make me so mindful of that strict Account I must give of all my Actions, at the dreadful Tribunal Seat, that it may mortify all Inclinations and Temptations to sinful Pleasures.

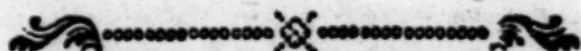
And stir me up to *Zeal and Diligence* in performing all those Things which are acceptable in thy Sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.] *Amen.*

This may be added, with regard to the Receiving the Holy Sacrament.

In order to attain these blessed Ends, O Lord, I approach thy Holy Table, that I may grow in Grace, and may be enabled
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to imitate the suffering-Virtues of the crucified Jesus.

Grant therefore, most merciful God, that the receiving the Symbols of his Body and Blood, which I am now about to partake of, may, by the Grace and Efficacy of his Spirit, conform me to his Divine Image, and make me stedfast in serving thee, till thou takest me finally to enjoy thee, through Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*



Some short Prayers, proper to be used for the enforcing our Holy Resolutions, and for the Assistance of God's Grace, to enable us to perform them.

I.

✠✠✠✠ Lord Jesu! I give thee my Body
 ✠ O ✠ my Soul, my Substance, my
 ✠✠✠✠ Friends, my Liberty, and my
 Life; dispose of me, and of all
 that is mine, as it seemeth best to thee,
 and to the glory of thy Holy Name.
Amen.

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II. Lord,

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Lord, I am not now mine, but thine; therefore claim me as thy Right; keep me as thy Charge, and love me as thy Child: Fight for me when I am assaulted; heal me when I am wounded; and revive me when I am fainting. *Amen.*

III.

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great Dangers, that by Reason of the Weakness of our Nature we cannot always stand upright; look, I beseech thee, with Pity and Compassion, upon my Frailties and Infirmities; and grant me such Health of Body, and Soundness of Mind, that both in Soul and Body, I may evermore serve thee with all my Strength and Might, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

Grant me, O gracious Lord, a pure Intention of Heart, and a stedfast Resolution to despise all Vanity; to fight the Battles of the Lord manfully, against the World, the Flesh, and the Devil; to spend my Time religiously and usefully; to walk always as in thy Presence; to preserve my
Body

Body and Soul in Holiness fit for the Habitation of the Spirit of God. *Amen.*

V.

O Lord, increase in me Faith and Devotion; replenish my Heart with all Goodness, and of thy great Mercy keep me in the same. Give me a peaceable Spirit, and a quiet Life; a sober, patient, understanding, and religious Heart; a Soul full of Devotion to do thee Service; and do thou make my Services acceptable to thee while I live, and my Soul ready for thee when I die. *Amen.*

VI.

O Lord, make me humble to my Superiors, and friendly to my Equals; thankful to my Benefactors; kind to my Relations, and loving and charitable to all Men, even my very Enemies. Make me gentle, and easy to be intreated, slow to Anger, and readily admonished; fully prepared, and thoroughly furnished for every good Word and Work. *Amen.*

VII.

O Lord, give me spiritual Wisdom, that I may discern what is pleasing to thee, and follow what belongs unto my Peace; and let the Knowledge and Peace of God,



and of Jesus Christ our Lord, be my Guide and my Portion all the Days of my Life. *Amen.*

VIII.

To the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, and only wise God, who is the ever-blessed and adorable Trinity, be all Honour and Glory, Thanksgiving and Praise, now and for evermore. *Amen.*



A Prayer for the whole State of Mankind.


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 CCEPT, O Lord, of my Prayers and Intercessions, as a Testimony of my Charity for the whole Race of Mankind.

Enlighten the dark Corners of the Earth with the bright Sun-shine of thy glorious Gospel; and succeed the pious Designs of all those that endeavour the Propagation of the Kingdom of thy Son; that thy way may be known upon Earth, and thy saving Health among all Nations.

Let thy continual Pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and forasmuch as it cannot

cannot continue in safety without thy Succour, preserve it evermore by thy Help and Goodness.

Endue the Governors and Pastors of it with Courage and Resolution to preserve those sacred Rights thou hast committed to their Trust; with Zeal and Diligence in promoting solid and substantial Piety; and with a conscientious Discharge of all the important Duties of their Holy Function.

Let all secular Magistrates study to govern their People with Truth and Justice, and to preserve them in Wealth, Peace, and Godliness.

Bless our most gracious Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*, our gracious Queen *Charlotte*, his Royal Highness *George* Prince of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family, with the Dew of thy heavenly Spirit; that they, ever trusting in thy Goodness, protected by thy Power, and crowned with thy gracious and endless Favour, may continue before thee in Health, Peace, Joy, and Honour, a long and happy Life upon Earth, and after Death obtain everlasting Life and Glory in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Let War and Bloodshed cease among Christian Princes, and give to all Nations Unity, Peace, and Concord.

Bless all the People of this Land, with Health, Peace, and Plenty; and teach them to use such thy Blessings with Sobriety, Gratitude, and Charity.

Make all Christians sincerely to practise the Religion they profess; and inspire them with uniting Principles, and charitable Hearts; that they may love one another, and thereby convince the World they are thy Disciples.

Be merciful to all my Friends, Relations, and Acquaintance; those that are in Sin, convert them; those that are in Grace, confirm and strengthen them; those that are in Adversity, comfort and support them; and those that are in Prosperity, suffer them not to forget thee.

Forgive all my Enemies; make them easy and ready to be reconciled; and give them Repentance and better Minds.

Be gracious to all that are in Affliction and Distress; that Labour under the Streights of Poverty; that suffer Persecution for the Testimony of a good Conscience; that mourn under Captivity or Banishment,

Banishment, or any unjust Oppression; that are exercised with bodily Pains and Diseases; that are solicited with strong Temptations, or are dejected with Terrors and Troubles of Mind.

Pity and relieve their several Necessities; give them Patience under all their Sufferings, and, in thy due Time, deliver them according to thy great Mercy.

Assist those that are at the Point of Death; and when their Strength fails, let not their Faith fail; even in Death enable them to trust in thee. Grant this, O merciful God, for the Merits of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

When this Intercession is used on Sacrament Days, what follows may be added.

Shed thy particular Grace and Benediction upon all those who are Partakers of the holy Communion, this Day, in any Part of thy Church.

That they may persevere in their holy Purposes and Resolutions, and may conform themselves to the Model of their crucified Saviour.

And may the Pattern of his Piety, and Devotion, of his Humility and Charity,
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of his Meekness and patient Suffering, be so lively imprinted upon all our Minds, that we may transcribe his Example in our Lives and Conversations.

That thus commemorating his all-sufficient Sacrifice upon Earth, we may receive the everlasting Benefit of it in thy heavenly Kingdom, and bless and praise thee for it to all Eternity. *Amen.*



A general Thanksgiving.

✠✠✠ Most Glorious and eternal Lord
 ✠ O ✠ God, thou art the great Creator
 ✠ ✠ ✠ of Heaven and Earth, and the
 ✠ ✠ ✠ Source and Fountain of all Good,
 look graciously upon thy Servant who am
 come into thy Presence, to offer up the
 humble Tribute of my unfeigned Praises
 to thy divine Majesty, from a Heart truly
 moved with a Sense of thy infinite and
 unspeakable Goodness.

I bless thee, O Lord, for creating me
 at first out of nothing, for causing me to
 be born of Christian Parents, and for ad-
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mitting me by holy Baptism into the Communion of thy Church; for all the Helps and Assistances of thy Grace, which I have since had, to enable me in any Measure to perform the engagements that were then made on my Behalf; for implanting in my Mind an early Fear of offending thee, and a great Desire of pleasing thee; for whatever Sin I have at any Time escaped, and whatever Good I have done through the whole Course of my Life.

I bless thee, O Lord, for all thy Patience and Forbearance towards me; for sparing me so long, and giving me so large a Space for Repentance; for all the Motions of thy good Spirit, and the Checks and Restraints of my own Conscience; that many Opportunities thou hast given me of serving thee, and calling upon thy Name *particularly, O Lord, for those of this Day*, and for all other the Means of Grace, and for the Hopes of Glory; but, above all, I magnify, I bless, I adore thy great and glorious Name, for sending thy Son into the World, to die for the Redemption of me and all Mankind.

I bless thee likewise, O Lord, for all the temporal Mercies, which I have received

ceived from thy most bountiful Hand; for that Measure of Health I have enjoyed; for the many Friends and Relations thou hast given me; for delivering me from the great Calamities I have justly deserved, and with which many of the best and dearest Servants have been visited. It is to thy Goodness I ascribe it, that I have the Use of my Senses, and of my Reason; that I am not languishing upon a Bed of Sickness, nor groaning under the sharpest Pains; that I am not pining with Want, nor forced to beg my daily Bread,

*This to be varied
according to every
Person's Condition,*

but am competently provided for, and see my dear Wife and Children, and many other Comforts round about me. It is from thee alone, O Lord, my Affairs do in any Measure prosper, or any the least of my Undertakings succeed; it is thy Wisdom that directs me, thy Truth that instructs me, and thy Power that at all Times preserves me.

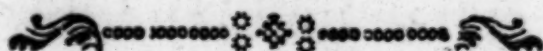
More particularly, O Lord, I desire to bless and praise thy holy Name, for (*here may be mentioned any other Particulars, Mercies, or Deliverances.*)

And now, O Lord, what Returns shall I, that am a poor Sinner, make for all

these marvelous Instances of thy Mercy and loving Kindness? O let my Tongue be daily sounding forth thy Praises; and grant that I may manifest the Sincerity of those Praises, by a holy Life and Conversation; by walking before thee in all Godliness and Honesty; by serving thee faithfully, and making a right Use of all those Blessings thou bestowest on me; by studying to please thee in all Things, and doing every Thing that become the Servant of so kind and bountiful a Master.

O let me never behave myself in so ungrateful a Manner as to provoke thee to withdraw thy Mercies from me; but give me such a lively Sense of thy loving kindness, as may excite my thankfulness, and engage me to pay a willing and chearful Obedience to thy Commandments; that devoting myself entirely to thy Service, I may daily grow in Grace, and be continually advancing to new Degrees of thy Favour; that so these Blessings here may be an Earnest of thy future Mercies; which I beseech thee to grant me, for the Sake of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost be ascribed, as is most due,

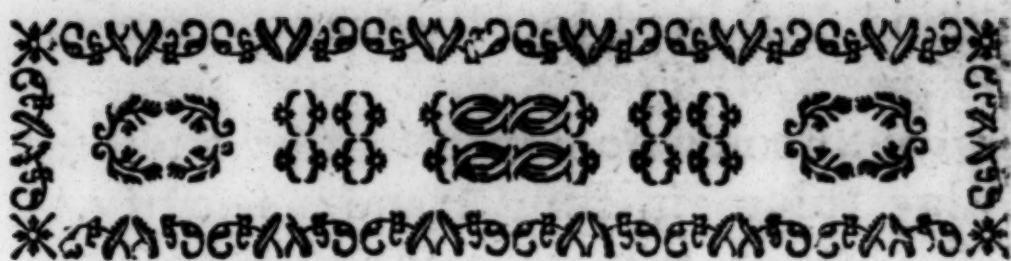
due, all Honour, Glory, Power, Thanksgiving, and Praise, both now and for evermore. *Amen.*



A Concluding Prayer.

✠✠✠✠ Blessed be thy Name, O Lord, for
 ✠ B ✠ the Opportunity thou hast this
 ✠✠✠✠ Day vouchsafed me of humbling
 myself before thee. Pardon, I
 most humbly beseech thee, all my Failings
 and Defects at this Time, the Wanderings
 of my Prayers, the Coldness of my Affec-
 tions, and the Disproportion of my Re-
 pentance to the Heinousness of those Sins
 which I have committed. O let thy
 Mercy and Goodness supply what is
 wanting in me, and be thou graciously
 pleased to pity my Weaknesses, and for-
 give my Infirmities, through the Merits,
 and for the Sake of thy beloved Son, and
 my alone Saviour, Jesus Christ the Righte-
 ous; to whom with Thee, and the Holy
 Ghost, be all Honour and Glory ascribed,
 now and for evermore. *Amen.*

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*A Prayer at the Beginning of any Sickness,
which may be used also during its Conti-
nuance.*

✠ ✠ ✠ Almighty God and merciful Fa-
✠ O ✠ ther, whose never-failing Provi-
✠ ✠ ✠ dence ordereth all Things both
in Heaven and Earth; I desire,
with the profoundest Reverence, to hum-
ble myself before thee, acknowledging
that thou, even in thy severest Dispen-
sations,

fations, hast kind Intentions, and gracious Designs towards us; behold me thy poor Servant upon whom thou hast been pleased to lay thine afflicting Hand; sanctify, I beseech thee, this thy fatherly Correction to me, and grant that I may receive it with all the Patience and Submission of a dutiful Child. Suffer me not, O Lord, to murmur or repine under any Dispensations of thy Providence; but let all that is afflictive to me, be a Means to wean me from the World, to bring me nearer to thyself, and to purge away all that Dross and Defilement which my Soul has contracted in this sinful Life. I know, O Lord, that thy Judgments are right, and that thou of thy Goodness hast caused me to be troubled: O give me such a Measure of Grace and Patience, as may enable me cheerfully and willingly to submit my Will to thine.

I acknowledge, O Lord, that I have justly deserved to be severely dealt with by thee; for, notwithstanding all the gentle Methods which thou hast used towards me, I have not loved thee as I ought to do; but in the Days of Health and Prosperity have forgotten thee, my God, and turned aside after Vanity and Folly; but,
O merciful

O merciful Father, let not my Sins provoke thee to turn away thy Face from me thy Servant, now seeking unto thee in this Time of my Trouble; shut not up the Bowels of thy tender Compassions from me; but for the Merits and Intercession of thy beloved Son, pardon all my Sins, the proper Causes of all my Sorrows, and vouchsafe, I beseech thee, for his Sake, to be reconciled unto me. O suffer me not to sink under the heavy Load and Burden of my Transgressions, but stretch forth thy helping Hand to save and deliver me; and say unto my Soul, I am thy Salvation.

O Lord, support me under all my Pains, Weaknesses, and Infirmities; strengthen my Faith, enlarge my Hopes, increase my Charity, and perfect my Repentance. Make thou my Bed in my Sickness, and lay not more upon me than thou wilt enable me to bear; give a Blessing to the Means that shall be used for my Recovery; and if it be thy good Pleasure, restore me to my former Health, that I may lead the Residue of Life in thy Fear, and to thy Glory: But if thou hast determined that this Sickness shall be unto Death; grant, O merciful Father, that the more
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the outward Man decayeth, so much the more I may find the inner Man strengthened and renewed with thy Grace and Holy Spirit. O give me Grace so to take thy Visitation, that after this painful Life is ended, I may dwell with thee in Life everlasting, through the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ, my dear and only Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



A short Prayer to be used by a Sick Person every Time he takes any Physick.

✠ ✠ ✠ LORD, without whom all our
 ✠ O ✠ Endeavours are but vain, give
 ✠ ✠ thy Blessing to the Means now
 ✠ ✠ used for my Recovery, and (if
 it be thy blessed Will) make them so effectual for that End, that I may live and be an Instrument of thy Glory, and better prepared for the coming of my dear Lord.
Amen.

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A Prayer for Repentance in Sicknes.

I.

✠✠✠✠ RIGHTEOUS art thou, O God,
✠✠✠✠ R in all those Pains and Sorrows
✠✠✠✠ which thou hast brought upon
me! I receive my Sicknes as the
Chastisement of a Sinner; and am will-
ing to bear Chastisement for my Sins, that
I may thereby be reclaimed from them.

But, O Lord, correct me not in thine
Anger, lest thou bring me to nothing,
judge me not according as my Sins have
deserved, but as my Weaknesses can bear,
and as thy Compassions are wont to miti-
gate thy judgments. And Oh! let my
Sicknes work in me a true Repentance,
and prove a happy Means to reclaim me
perfectly from all the Sins which I have
formerly committed, not to occasion my
committing more; and to confer that Rest
and Peace upon my Soul, which is now
denied to my Body. All which I hum-
bly beg for our dear Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ's Sake. *Amen.*

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Thou smitest me, O gracious Lord, that thou mayest cure me, and punishest me, that thou mayest amend and reclaim me. My Sins justly deserved these Sorrows; and I know assuredly, thou wilt bring infinitely worse upon me, unless I prevent the same by a timely and true Repentance.

Help me, therefore, O my God, to search out my Sins, and to discover every accursed Thing; and when I see them, let me entirely renounce them all. Let thy Love cause me to hate every evil Way, and make my Resolutions against Sin honest and sincere, and my Care to fulfil the same vigilant and patient. If thou shalt be pleased to continue me any longer in this World, grant that all the Remainder of my Days may be one continued Course of reforming my past Errors, and of devoting myself entirely to thy Service.

Lord, cure my Folly by this my Misery, and teach me, by the Loss of my bodily Ease to purchase the Blessings of true Repentance, and the comfortable
Hopes

Hopes of thy merciful Acceptance thereof, through the Merits of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

‘ To make his Confessions and other
‘ Acts of Repentance with great Sureness
‘ and Satisfaction to himself, the sick
‘ Person must first discover his Sins, by
‘ examining himself, and trying his
‘ Ways by God’s Commandments, and
‘ enquiring into the State of his Soul, to
‘ see whether he is already safe within
‘ the Terms of Pardon, or what he
‘ wants to make him so. This is a
‘ Work for all Men at all Times, who
‘ would live with Safety, or die with
‘ Peace; but especially for sick and dying
‘ Persons, who not only ought, but also
‘ more commonly are wont to make it
‘ their earnest Desire and Care; and in
‘ their Performance of this important
‘ Duty of *Self-Examination*, they will
‘ find *Assistance* in the *Office of Humilia-*
‘ *tion.*’

A Prayer for Trust in God in Sickneſs.

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Almighty God, our only Help
in Time of Trouble, look with
Pity and Compaſſion upon me,
now under thy afflicting Hand.

Be thou my Stay and Confidence under
all my Sorrows and Afflictions, and ſuf-
fer me not to ſink under the Weight of
them, through any Dejections, or Faint-
neſs of Spirit.

Give me ſuch an entire Trust and
Confidence in thy Mercy, through the
Merits of my dear Redeemer, that I may
caſt all my Care upon thee, and with
Chearfulneſs commit myſelf into thy
Hands, affuredly believing that all Things
ſhall work together for Good to them
that love thee: And, O Lord, grant that
I may be found ſuch an one, as through
thy great Mercy may be entitled to the
Benefit of thy gracious Promiſes. Make
me willing and ready to yield to thy
Wiſdom, and to prefer thy Will be-
fore my own; to be contented to bear
what thou pleaſeſt, and to be eaſed of my
Burden in thy Time, which is always
beſt. But, O Lord, however thou art
pleaſed

pleased to deal with my Body, yet spare my Soul, I beseech thee, and deliver it from the bitter Pains of eternal Death. O take me not out of this World, till thou art reconciled unto me, and hast fitted me in some Measure for thy heavenly Kingdom. Grant, O Lord, that whether I live, I may live unto thee; or whether I die, I may die unto thee; so that living and dying I may be thine, through Jesus Christ, my ever blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*



Prayers of sick or dying Persons for trusting God with their Wives and Children.

I.

✠✠✠ Lord, if thou seest fit to call me
 ✠ O ✠ to thyself by this Sickness, let
 ✠ ✠ my dear Wife and Children, and
 ✠ ✠ all who, under thee, depend on
 me, betake themselves to thee. I hum-
 bly beg leave to commend them to thy
 Mercy, for I know thou art the Helper
 of the Friendless, the Father of the Fa-
 therless, and the Husband of the Widow,

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and therefore my Heart is at Ease, when I consider that I leave them in thy Hands, where thy are infinitely safer, and will be infinitely happier than ever they could be in mine, or in any other but in thine. And I beg that they may ever have thy good Providence for their Support and Stay in this World, and thy Peace and Love in that which is to come. *Amen.*

II.

When I am gone, O my dear God, let not those I leave behind me be destitute of thy Care ; but as thou art their Father, be thou graciously pleased to provide for all their Wants, and protect them from all Wrongs. Supply to them, by thy kind Providence, whatever they shall want of outward Helps.

Enable them, O Lord, evermore to place their Love and Delight in thee, to fix their Trust and Confidence in thy Mercy, and to submit to all thy Dispensations concerning them ; for then I know, that though they should have none to counsel them, where they are unskilful ; nor to right them, where they may be wronged ; yet thy Spirit will be their Guide,

thee to enable me to bear it with such Patience and Submission as becomes a Creature and a Sinner : And, O merciful Father, who designest not the Ruin, but the Amendment of those whom thou scourgest, I beseech thee to sanctify all my Afflictions to me ; and grant that this Sicknes of my Body may be a Means of Health to my Soul, and inspiring me with Resolutions never more to depart from thee.

To that End, O Lord, make me diligent in searching my Heart, and, O do thou enable me to discovery every Thing hateful in thy Sight ; and on my true and sincere Repentance, I beseech thee, remove thine Anger from me. Heal my Soul, O Lord, which has greatly sinned against thee ; and then (if it be thy blessed Will) heal my Body also. Restore the Voice of Joy and Health unto my Dwelling, that I may live to praise thee, and be an Instrument of thy Glory, by doing Good in my Generation. But if, in thy great Wisdom, thou hast otherwise determined, and feest it best to take me out of this World ; O fit and prepare me for that Hour, and deliver me not, I beseech thee, into the bitter Pains of
eternal

eternal Death. Thou knowest the Secrets of my Heart, O shut not up thy merciful Ears to my Prayers; but hear me, O Lord most holy; O God most mighty; O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge Eternal, suffer me not at my last Hour, for any Pains of Death to fall from thee. And O thou tender and compassionate Lover of Souls, I most earnestly beseech thee, that when the Time appointed for my great Change shall come, thou wilt have Mercy on me, and deliver me, and strengthen me in my Conflict; that thou wilt support me in my dying Agonies, and defend me from the Enemy, and from his Terrors, and shew me one Glimpse of the Light of thy Countenance, that I may know and be assured, that thou art perfectly at Peace with me; and that thou wilt receive me into the blessed Company of Saints and Angels in thy heavenly Habitation, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Person under any grievous Pains.

✠✠✠✠✠ God, our Refuge and Strength,
O who art a present Help in time
of Trouble: O look graciously
✠✠✠✠✠ upon me, I most earnestly be-
seech thee; and (if it be thy
blessed Will) send me Ease and Comfort
in this Time of my Distress. I acknow-
ledge, O Lord, the Justice of thy Deal-
ings towards me. I confess that I have
deserved much greater Pains than I now
feel: O let me then never murmur or re-
pine under any Affliction thou seest fit to
lay upon me. Give me a meek and quiet
Submission to thy Will, that I may wait
with Patience till thou seest fit to deliver
me. Suffer not the Extremity of my
Pains to transport me into any rash or
unbecoming Expressions, or cause me to
entertain a hard Thought of thy Provi-
dence; but whatever Evils or Sorrows I
may feel, let me still love thee, and be-
lieve thee to be a kind and merciful Fa-
ther, even whilst thou art smiting and
correcting me.

And,

And, O blessed Lord, that I may be enabled so to do, be pleased, in thy great Mercy, to strengthen and support me with the Consolations of thy holy Spirit, and lay not more upon me than thou wilt enable me to bear. I know thou art able to deliver me, and therefore in thee do I put my Trust. Sanctify this Affliction to me, that it may produce in me the Fruits of a true and sincere Repentance.

O Lord, hear me; O Lord, help me, for thy Mercies Sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen, Amen.*



A Prayer to be used by a sick Person, when he finds any Abatement of his Distemper.

✠✠✠✠✠ O Father of Mercies, and God of all Comfort, who hast vouchsafed to grant me some Ease, and to abate the Fury of my present Distemper; accept, I humbly pray thee, of my unfeigned Thanks for this, and all other thy Mercies bestowed upon me.

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Blessed

Blessed be thy Goodness, O Lord, that I have Strength to praise Thee; that my Senses and Understanding are preserved entire; and though I am brought very low, I am not without Hopes that thou wilt yet raise me up. Oh! perfect (if it be thy blessed Will) what thou hast begun in me; and forsake not, I beseech thee, the Works of thy own Hands. Repair all the Decays in my outward Man, and let my Mind be also endued with greater Strength and Abilities to do thee Service, and with stronger Desires and Resolutions of loving and obeying thee.

Visit me, O Lord, with thy heavenly Consolations; fill me with comfortable Thoughts of thy Love, and of that tender compassionate Care which our Lord Jesus takes of all his afflicted Servants. Give me still a more perfect Submission to thy Will, that without any murmuring or repining I may wait upon thee, till thou seest fit to finish my Recovery: And as my Strength increases, so let my Resolutions grow stronger, of serving thee faithfully all the remainder of my Life; for which End, I implore the Assistance of thy Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ;
to

to whom with thee, O Father, and the ever-blessed Spirit, be all Honour, Glory, Love, Service, and Obedience, by me and all thy Creatures, for evermore. *Amen.*



Prayers to be used by one or more in a Family, in the presence of a sick Person; any of which may be also used by a Person in private, in behalf of sick Friends; and may be added to the Morning and Evening Prayers in the Family.

When these Prayers are used by one Person only, he must use I instead of We, Me instead of Us. The Words Him, He, His, are printed in a different Character, that if the sick Person be of the other Sex, Him and His may be more readily changed for Her, He for She.

✠✠✠✠✠ Almighty God, the Help of all
 ✠ O ✠ that put their trust in thee, the
 ✠ ✠ Relief of the Needy, the Sovereign
 ✠✠✠✠✠ Good of all Mankind;
 hear the Prayers we now offer unto thy
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Divine Majesty, in the Behalf of thy Servant now lying upon the Bed of Sickness. Look upon *him*, we pray thee, with thy tenderest Pity and Compassion, and be thou gracious and favourable unto *him*, according to the Necessity of *his* Case, and according to the Multitude of thy tender Mercies in Christ Jesus.

In Submission to thy most wise Disposal of Things, *we* beseech thee to abate *his* Distemper, to ease *his* Pains, and restore *him*, in thy due Time, to *his* former Health and Strength, that *he* may have a longer Time to work out *his* Salvation, and be more useful in *his* Station, and do more Good in *his* Generation: But however thou shalt be pleased to deal with *him*, as to the Concerns of *his* Body, yet, O Lord, let *his* Soul be ever precious in thy Sight; wash and cleanse it, *we* beseech thee, in the Blood of thy dear Son, that it may be delivered from all the Defilements it hath contracted in this sinful Life, and be presented pure and spotless before the Throne of Grace.

Oh! give *him* a right Discerning of the Things which belong to *his* Peace, and let them never be hid from *his* Eyes.

Enable

Enable *him* to finish the great Work *he* has to do, give *him* a true and unfeigned Repentance of all *his* Sins, and a firm Reliance on thy gracious Promises; and grant that *he* may find that Peace of God, which passes all Understanding.

Fit *him*, O Lord, for living and dying, and for whatever, in thy wise and righteous Providence, thou hast designed for *him*. And if thou hast determined that this Sickness shall be a Sickness unto Death, and this Visitation *his* last Visitation, prepare *him*, O merciful God, by thy Grace, for thy blessed Self, and grant *him* a safe and comfortable Passage out of this World, to that which is infinitely better, through the Merits and Mediation of thy blessed Son, our only Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God the Father of Heaven,
Have Mercy upon *him*,
Keep and defend *him*.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the World,
Save *him* and deliver *him*,
Have Mercy upon *him*.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from
the Father and the Son,

Have

Have Mercy upon *him*,
Strengthen and comfort *him*.

O holy, blessed, glorious Trinity,
Have Mercy upon *him*.

Remember not, Lord, *his* Offences, nor
call to Mind the Offences of *his* Fore-Fa-
thers; but spare *him*, good Lord, spare
this thy Servant, whom thou hast re-
deemed with thy most precious Blood, and
be not angry with *him* for ever.

Spare him good Lord.

From thy Wrath and heavy Indigna-
tion; from the Fear of Death; from the
Guilt and Burden of *his* Sins, and from
the dreadful Sentence of the last Judg-
ment, *Good Lord deliver him.*

From the Sting and Terror of Con-
science; from Distrust or Dispair; from
Anguish or Agony, that may any way
withdraw *his* Mind from thee,

Good Lord deliver him.

From the bitter Pangs of eternal Death;
from the Powers of Darknels; and from
the Illusions and Assaults of our ghostly
Enemy,

Good Lord deliver him.

By thy manifold and great Mercies;
by the manifold and great Merits of Je-
sus Christ thy Son; by his Agony and
bloody Sweat; by his strong Crying and
Tears; by his bitter Cross and Passion;
by his glorious Resurrection and Ascen-
sion; by his effectual and most acceptable
Intercession; and by the Graces and
Comforts of thy Holy Spirit,
Good Lord deliver him.

In the Time of Extremity; in *his* last
and greatest Need; in the Hour of Death,
and in the Day of Judgment,
Good Lord deliver him.

We Sinners do beseech thee to hear *us*,
O Lord God; that it may please thee to
assuage *his* Pains; and give *him* Patience
to bear *his* Sicknes; and when thou shalt
call *him* Home, give *him* a quiet and joy-
ful Departure:

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make *him*
Partaker of all thy Mercies and Promises
in Christ Jesus:

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee, after this Life,
to bestow upon *him* the State of Joy, Bliss,
and

and Happininess, with all thy blessed Saints in thy heavenly Kingdom:

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, *we* beseech thee to hear *us*.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the world,

Grant him thy Peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World,

Hear our Prayers, and have Mercy upon him.

III.

*This is to be
used when there
appears little
Hopes of Reco-
very.*

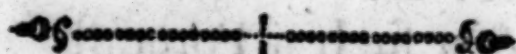
O Lord, raise up thy Power, and come among us, and with great Might, succour thy poor Servant now languishing under great Weakness of Body; look with an Eye of Mercy upon *him*, who, in Appearance, is now drawing near the Time of his Dissolution: Perfect, O Lord, *his* Repentance, and make it effectual through the Blood of the ever-blessed Jesus; and for Christ Sake, pardon all the Errors of *his* past Life, that *he* may come to *his* great Change without Guilt, and feel its near Approach without Fear and Terror. O give *him* a firm and well-grounded Assurance, that thou art fully reconciled
unto

unto *him*; and now *he* is entering into the Valley of the Shadow of Death, take Care of *him*, and carry him through that dark Passage, into the bright Regions of eternal Bliss: But whether thou seest it fit to give *him* such a Foretaste of Happiness; yet, O merciful God, take *him* not out of this World before he is fitted and prepared; that when *he* goes to meet the Bridegroom, *he* may not find the Door to everlasting Happiness shut against *him*.

O Lord, with thee nothing is impossible; if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer Continuance among us; but nevertheless, not *our* Will, but thine be done; *we* desire to leave *him* in thy Hands, and commend *him* to thy Mercies, and to the Love and Compassion of the blessed Jesus. O Lord, hear *his* Prayers, and the Prayers of all *his* Friends for *him*; support *him* in his dying Agonies; strengthen *him* under all *his* Weaknesses; visit *him* with the strong Consolations of thy Holy Spirit, and receive *him* into the blessed Society of Saints and Angels; there to love, praise, and adore thee for ever, through the Merits of
thy

thy beloved Son Jesus Christ the Righteous. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



Ejaculations for sick and dying Persons.

✠✠✠ Blessed Lord, who scourgest every
✠ O ✠ Son whom thou receivest; let
✠✠✠ me not be weary of thy Correction.

Give me such a perfect Submission to thee, the Father of Spirits, that this Chastisement may be for my Profit, and that I may thereby be made a Partaker of thy Holiness.

I confess, O Lord, that I have deserved much greater Punishments than I now feel.

O make me chearfully and thankfully to bear my present Pains; chasten me as thou seest fitting; do with me what thou pleasest here, so I may not be condemned with the World hereafter.

O Christ, who first sufferedst many and grievous Things, and then enteredst into thy

thy Glory; make me so to suffer with thee, that I may also be glorified with thee.

O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver me not, I beseech thee, into the bitter Pains of eternal Death.

O cast not off the Bowels of thy tenderest Compassions, but even as a Father pitieth his own Children, so be thou merciful unto me thy sinful, but repenting Servant.

O blessed High-Priest, who art able to save to the utmost them who come unto God by thee, save me, I beseech thee, who have no Hopes but in thy Merits and Intercession.

Suffer not, O my Redeemer, my Soul, which thou hast purchased with the invaluable Price of thy own Blood, to perish; but say unto me, I am thy Salvation.

O dear Jesus, who humblest thyself even to the Death of the Cross for me, let that precious Death of thine sweeten all the Bitterness of mine.

I believe that thou shalt come to be my Judge.

I pray

I pray thee, therefore, help thy Servant, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious Blood.

Make me to be numbered with thy Saints in Glory everlasting.

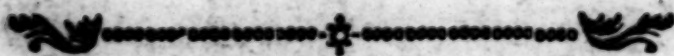
O receive me into that Place of Rest, where all Tears shall be wiped from my Eyes; where there shall be no more Death, nor Sorrow, nor Crying, nor Pain.

O take me where I shall for ever behold thy Face, and follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.

Into thy Hands I commend my Spirit; for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of Truth.

O Lord, in thee is my Trust; O cast not out my Soul.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.



A Prayer for a sick Child.

✠✠✠✠ O Father of Mercies, and God of all Comfort, our only Help in Time of Need; we fly unto thee for Succour in Behalf of this Child here lying under thy Hand in great Weakness of Body.

Look

Look graciously upon it, O Lord; ease it, we beseech thee, of its Pain, and pity it in its Extremity.

We know, O Lord, that if thou wilt, thou canst raise it up; and grant it a longer Continuance amongst us.

O raise it up again (if it may please thee) to grow in Years and Stature, in Wisdom, and thy Fear, and thereby to comfort its Parents, and to glorify thee.

We believe, O God, that thou knowest best what is fit for it and us, and that thou wilt do what is best for both: And therefore we humbly resign its Life to thee, beseeching thee to have Mercy on us.

But whether it live or die, let it be thine; and either preserve it to be thy true and faithful Servant here on Earth, or take it to the Blessedness of thy Children in the Kingdom of Heaven, through the Merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Thanks-

A Thanksgiving after Recovery.

✠✠✠✠ Most mighty God and merciful
✠ O ✠ Father, I thy unworthy Servant,
✠✠✠✠ whom thou hast raised up from
a dangerous Sicknes, do now
present myself before thee, acknowledg-
ing it to be owing to thy Goodness alone,
that I am now alive, and have once more
an Opportunity of offering up my Prayers
and Praises at the Throne of Grace.
Thou, O Lord, hast chastened me and
corrected me, but hast not given me over
unto Death: Blessed, therefore, be that
Divine Wisdom, which saw this late
Affliction seasonable. Blessed be that
tender Compassion, which in the Midst of
Wrath remembered Mercy, which made
all my Bed in my Sicknes, passed by my
Impatience and many Infirmities, and in-
clined a willing Ear unto my Supplica-
tions, when I cried unto thee in the Time
of my Distress: Blessed be the powerful
Influences of that Grace, which disposed
my Heart to Consideration and Repen-
tance. But above all, blessed for ever be
that Power and Goodness, which by
sparing

paring me, when I had deserved to be cut off, has now given me an Opportunity of rectifying the Errors of my past Life, and reforming whatsoever is amiss in me.

O Lord, let not this Goodness of thine, nor my own serious Purposes of better Obedience, ever slip out of my Mind; but preserve in me a constant tender Sense of the great Obligations I lie under, of serving thee faithfully all my Days; make me every Day more and more zealous in promoting thy Glory, and the Good of my Brethren; in studying to please thee better than ever I have yet done; and in devoting the Remainder of that Life, which thou hast given me, to the Service of thee, my gracious Benefactor.

I humbly offer and present unto thee my Soul and Body, which thou hast so mercifully preserved, beseeching thee to take them into thy Custody. O let not the Return to my Health be accompanied with a Return to my former Sins and Follies; but let the Experience I have had, how little any Thing will profit in the Time of Trouble, besides a good Conscience, so effectually convince me of the Necessity of a good Life; so powerfully persuade me to the Practice of Religion;
that

that I may make it the great Study and Endeavour, the constant Business and Employment of my whole Life; to love, adore, and serve thee, and in all Things to become such as thou wouldst have me to be.

But, O Lord, forasmuch as without thee I am not able to please thee, mercifully grant unto me such a Measure of thy Grace, as may enable me to amend whatever has been amiss in the Temper and Disposition of my Mind, or in any of the Actions of my Life. Oh! let me never more be led away by the deceitful Promises of the World, the Flesh, or the Devil; but grant, O my God, that my Hopes and Affections may be unalterably fixed upon that eternal and unchangeable Happiness, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee. Let the Thoughts and Expectations of Death and Judgment be so constantly, so powerfully present to my Soul, as effectually to work upon my Mind, and to bring forth in me the Fruits of a holy and religious Life. Let the Pains and Troubles I have lately felt, inspire me with a tender Pity and Compassion for the Miseries and Calamities of others, and make me ready upon all Occasions

casions to contribute what I can, to the Wants and Necessities of my Brethren : And Oh ! let those Talents which thou hast afresh committed to my Trust, be so faithfully improved for thy Glory, the Good of others, and the Benefit of my own Soul, that whenever thou shalt call me to give an Account of my Stewardship, I may not be condemned, as an unprofitable Servant, but may be found such an one, as thou shalt then pronounce faithful, and bid to enter into the Joy of my Lord.

Grant this, O merciful Father, through the Merits, and for the Sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord ; to whom, with thee, and the ever-blessed Spirit, be ascribed, as is most due, by me, and every Creature, all Honour, Glory, Power, Dominion, Thanksgiving, and Praise, throughout all Ages. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for a Man that has lost his Wife,
or for any other Person that has lost a
Relation or Friend.*

✠✠✠ Most mighty God, the Sovereign
✠ O ✠ Lord of Heaven and Earth ; thou
✠✠✠ art Righteous in all thy Ways,
and holy in all thy Works, and
doest every Thing with infinite Wisdom,
Goodness, and Love. I acknowledge thy
Justice, O Lord, in taking from me my
dear *Wife* (or *Friend*) and depriving me
of the Comforts I received from *Her* (or
His) precious Life ; for I am not worthy
I confess, of the least of all thy Mercies,
having so ungratefully behaved myself un-
der the many Blessings thou hast bestow-
ed upon me : O be thou pleased, for thy
dear Son's Sake, to pardon my Ingrati-
tude, and deal not with me according to
the Desert of my Sins.

Sanctify, O Lord, this Affliction to me,
and give me Grace to bring my Will to
a meek and quiet Submission to thine,
that I may receive this Loss without mur-
muring or repining at the Dispensations
of thy Providence.

Let not my Grief, O Lord, exceed the Bounds of Reason and Religion; but temper it, I beseech thee, with the Comforts of thy holy Spirit, that whatever I want of outward Comforts I may find made up to me by the inward Joys of a good Conscience. O let this Loss, which thou hast now been pleased should befall me, bring me home to thyself, and possess my Mind with such a thorough Sense and Conviction of the Uncertainty of all worldly Blessings, that I may fix my Heart, my Hopes, and my Desires, upon those Joys that will never fade; upon those Pleasures, which are at thy right Hand forever more.

And grant, O merciful Father, that every one of those, who are Sharers with me in this Affliction, may be Partakers likewise of thy Support and Comfort; teach us all so to number our Days, that we may apply our Hearts unto true Wisdom; and so to fit and prepare ourselves for that great Account which we must one Day give, that when the Time of our appointed Change shall come, we may look up to thee with Joy and Comfort, and may at last be received into that Place of Rest and Peace, where all Tears

shall be wiped from our Eyes, and all our Troubles and Sorrows shall have an End; through the Merits, and for the Sake of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



A Prayer for a Woman who hath lost her Husband.

✠✠✠ Blessed Lord, whose Providence
 ✠ O ✠ ordereth all Things both in Hea-
 ✠ ✠ ven and Earth; thou givest, and
 thou takest away; thou liftest
 up, and thou castest down; whatever be-
 falls us is by thy wise Appointment; even
 the smallest as well as the greatest Acci-
 dents of our Lives are directed by thy
 Hand: Thou hast taken from me my
 dear Husband, a Blessing I was no longer
 worthy of! Oh, be thou merciful unto me
 and for the Sake of my dear Redeemer,
 pardon the unworthy Returns I have
 made for the Blessings thou hast been
 pleased to follow me with all my Life
 long; and give me Grace, I beseech thee,
 patiently to submit to the Afflictions
 which

which thou hast now brought upon me, and not murmur or repine under the Stroke of thy chastising Hand.

Suffer me not, O holy Father, to grieve like those that have no Hope, nor to entertain any hard Thoughts of thy Providence, because thou hast taken from me the great Comfort of my Life; I know thou canst abundantly make up this Loss to me, by giving me Blessings far greater, and much more valuable, such as no Happiness in this World can compare with.

I desire, therefore, O Lord, to submit to thy Will, and to repose myself under the Care of thy good Providence, assuredly believing, that I can never be destitute whilst I have thee for my Friend, nor miserable so long as thou art my Portion.

O be thou then to me, whatever I may want of outward Helps! And though thou hast been pleased to take from me so great a Temporal Blessing, yet O let me never be deprived of thy spiritual Mercies! Whatever Comforts thou deniest me, deny me not, I beseech thee, the Comfort of thy Love; but let that be my Portion and Inheritance, the Support

of my Life, and the Relief of my Soul, under all the Troubles and Afflictions of this World.

Raise me up Friends, O Lord, that may assist me in all my Exigencies; but especially do thou teach and instruct me, that I may manage those Affairs which are now devolved upon me, with Prudence, Justice, and Integrity.

Let not my Carriage and Behaviour, O Lord, be vain and fantastick, light, and foolish, but decent and modest, suitable to the Condition thou hast been pleased to bring me to, and such as becomes a Woman professing Godliness.

This is to be omitted where the woman has no children. Grant that I may educate my Children in a holy and religious Manner, and bring them up in the Fear and Admonition of thee the Lord! And Oh! let thy Blessing be always upon their Heads! Give them Grace to hearken to wise Instruction, and defend them from the Evils and Temptations of this World. O Lord, they are now cast upon thy Care, O be thou their Father; and never leave them nor forsake them; but let thy Providence be their Support, and thy Spirit their Guide and Counsellor.

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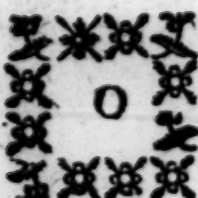
And grant, O merciful Father, that *both they and I* may learn, from the Instability of human Comforts, to delight more in thyself, and less in earthly Things. Let us never think ourselves unhappy while we can enjoy thee, nor murmur or repine at any Losses, so long as we are Objects of thy Love, and the Care of thy good Providence: And Oh! give us Grace so to live, that we may comfortably look up to thee at all Times, as our constant Friend, and most tender Father; as our Life and our Health, our Rest and our Joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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F O R
WOMEN with CHILD.



*A Prayer to be frequently used by a Woman
with Child.*


 God, who art the Author of our
 Being, the Fountain of Life, and
 of all Blessings spiritual and tem-
 poral; thou art great, and dost
 wonderful Things, thou art God alone;
 I adore thy glorious Majesty, which has
 begun an excellent Work in me, which
 no

no Eye but thine sees, and no Hand but thy Almighty Power can finish.

Be pleased, I beseech thee, in thy great Goodness, to perfect and complete that which thou hast now begun in me; give it its due Shape and full Growth, and preserve me from all Frights, or evil Accidents, which may cause me to miscarry.

And bless it, O God, in Mind, as well as in Body; endue it with an Understanding capable to know thee, with a Heart strongly bent to fear thee, and with all those holy and good Dispositions, that may make it always amiable in thy Sight. Oh! sanctify it, I beseech thee, from the Womb, and receive and reckon it for thy Child, as soon as it is mine; lent to me for my Comfort, but created and reserved by thee for thy Service and Glory.

O Lord, I humbly commit both myself and this Babe, which is conceived in me, to thy Mercy and Goodness! Strengthen and enable me, I beseech thee, to go through all the Pains and Uneasiness of Childbearing, with Patience and Submission to thy Will; considering that they are the just Punishment of Sin: Give me an humble Trust and Dependence on thy fatherly Care and good Providence,

and make me in thy good Time, a joyful Mother of a hopeful Child, which may live to be an Instrument of thy Glory, and by serving thee faithfully, and doing Good in its Generation, may be received into thy everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*



A Prayer when the Time of Travail draws near.

God, the Help of all that put
 O their Trust in thee; the Support
 of the Weak, and the Relief of
 the Needy; look with Pity
 upon me thy Servant, who, in my best
 Estate, am but a weak and helpless Creature, and much more in the Condition I am now in, which is attended with many Pains and Uneasinesses; under which nothing but thy Power is able to support me.

O Lord, in thee is my Trust, who I know art able and willing to help me; I
 repose

repose myself, therefore, under the Care and Protection of thy fatherly Goodness, desiring to rest upon thee alone for my Support, who art the Rock of Ages, and the Strength of all that put their Trust in thee. Oh! let me not be disquieted with the Fear of any Evil, since none can happen unto me without thy Leave, nor be frightened with the Approach of any Pains; but give me Grace patiently to resign myself to thy blessed Will in all Things, who knowest what is best for me, and who, I trust, will not lay upon me more than thou wilt enable me to bear.

O Lord, be thou graciously pleased to proportion thy Strength to my Weakness; and when Pains and Sorrows have taken hold on me, leave me not under them, I beseech thee, but save and deliver me for thy Mercies Sake: And, as I have hitherto experienced thy fatherly Goodness in every State and Condition of my Life; so let me still find the Continuance of it, to carry me through all the Trouble and Uneasinesses of this Life, and more particularly to enable me to go through the Time of my Travail, which is now drawing near at Hand.

O Lord, pardon those Sins that have made me unworthy of thy Care, and deal not with me as I have deserved, but according to thy Mercy, and the Merits of thy dear Son Jesus Christ the Righteous; to whom with thee, O Father, and the blessed Spirit, be all Honour, Glory, Power, Thanksgiving, and Praise, both now and for evermore. *Amen.*



Ejaculations to be used by a Woman during the Time of her Labour.

✠✠✠ AVE, Lord, and hear me, O
 ✠ s ✠ King of Heaven, now I call
 ✠✠✠ upon thee in this Time of my
 Trouble.

Be not thou far from me, O Lord; thou art my Succour, haste thee to help me.

Oh! remember not my Sins and Offences; - but, according to thy Mercy, think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy Goodness.

The Sorrows of my Heart are enlarged;
 Oh! bring thou me out of my Troubles.

Look

Look upon my Adversity and Misery, and forgive me all my Sins; that I may shew the Voice of Thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous Works.

O hide not thou thy Face from me; nor cast thy Servant away in Displeasure. Thou hast been my Succour; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my Salvation.

Hear me, O Lord, for thy Loving-kindness is comfortable; turn thee unto me, according to the Multitude of thy Mercies.

Thou art my Helper and Redeemer, make no long tarrying, O my God, nor suffer me to sink under the Burden of my Pains.

O my Soul, wait thou still upon God; for my Hope is in him.

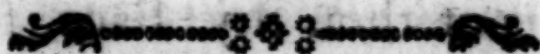
In God is my Health and my Glory, the Rock of my Might; and in God is my Trust.

Oh! be thou my Help in this Time of my Trouble; for without thee vain is the Help of Man.

Oh! look upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to be unto those that love thy Name.

O Lord,

O Lord, let it be thy Pleasure to deliver me; make haste, O Lord, to help me.



A Prayer to be used by a Husband, or other Friend, in private, for a Woman in Labour; and which, by changing I for we, may be used by the Friends of the Woman in her Presence.

God, our Refuge and Strength,
 I fly unto thee for Succour, in
 behalf of thy Servant, now labouring under the Pains and Anguish of Child-birth. Shorten her Sorrows, increase her Patience, and lay not upon her more than thou wilt enable her to bear.

O hear her Prayers, and let her Crying come unto thee: Forsake her not, I beseech thee, when her Strength faileth: Give her an humble Trust and Confidence in thy Goodness; and, Oh! let her find that the Support and Comforts of thy Holy Spirit far exceed the Pains that she is now to go through.

Give

Give her a quiet Submission to thy blessed Will, and in thy good Time send her Ease and Deliverance. Preserve that Infant which now struggles for its Birth; and (if it be thy good Pleasure) make her speedily a joyful Mother of a hopeful Child, that may live to be an Instrument of thy Glory, and useful in its Generation.

O Lord, I leave her in thy Hands, and resign her to thy Will; humbly beseeching thee to deal graciously with her; through the Merits, and for the Sake of thy dear Son, and our alone Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



A Thanksgiving to be said in the Presence of the Woman after her Delivery, which may be used for some Time afterward.

✠ ✠ ✠ Father of Mercies, and God of
✠ O ✠ all Comforts; we thy unworthy
✠ ✠ ✠ Servants do now present ourselves
before thee, to return unto thy
divine Majesty our most humble and un-
feigned Thanks, for that thou hast vouch-
safed

safed to deliver thy Servant from the great Pain and Peril of Child-birth. Blessed be thy Name, O Lord, that thou hast turned her Sorrow into Joy, and her Pains into Ease and Refreshments; continue, we beseech thee, thy fatherly Goodness to her; let thy good Providence still watch over her, and thy Strength support her under all the Weaknesses of her present Condition.

And grant, O most merciful Father, that not only this thy Servant, but every one of us here present, may, from the Consideration of thy great Goodness, be excited to a greater Love to thee, and a stricter Obedience to thy Laws; that thou mayst still delight over us, to do us Good; and that we serving thee faithfully all our Days, may at last obtain that greatest of all Mercies, the eternal Salvation of our immortal Souls, through the Merits of thy Son, and our alone Saviour Jesus Christ.

This is to be added if the Child is living.

We commend likewise to thy Mercy and Goodness this tender Infant; preserve it, that it may be regenerated and born again by Baptism; that as it is thine by Creation,

Creation, so it may thereby be made thine by Adoption and Grace.

Sanctify it, we humbly pray thee, and take it into thy Protection, and so fill it with the Graces of thy Holy Spirit, that it may be of the Number of thy faithful Servants, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*



A Thanksgiving to be used by a Woman in private, before her going abroad.

✠✠✠✠✠ Almighty and most merciful
✠ O Father, in whom I live and
✠ move, and have my Being; by
✠ thee I have been preserved ever
since I was born, and to thy infinite Good-
ness I acknowledge it to be owing, that I
am now alive. I desire, O Lord, to adore
and praise thy glorious Majesty, for the
many Mercies and Favours which thou
hast bestowed on me all my Life long;
and in a more particular Manner, I pre-
sent myself before thee at this Time to
bless and praise thy holy Name, for thy
late

late Mercies vouchsafed unto me, in delivering me from the great Pains and Peril of Child-birth: It was thy Power that preserved me, thy Goodness that delivered me, and thy Hand that supported me, when Pain and Sorrow laid hold upon me. Praised therefore be that infinite Love, which moved thee to deal so graciously with thy Servant, and to enable a weak and feeble Creature to go through the Sorrow and Anguish of Travail.

O Lord, give me such a Sense of thy great Goodness to me, that I may make it the great Study and Business of my Life, to serve and please thee in all Things; that so my Returns of Duty and Obedience may in some Measure be answerable to those many Mercies I have received at thy Hands.

Mortify and subdue in me all sinful and corrupt Affections, and whatever may tend to alienate my Love to thee, and to slacken my Endeavours after the Pursuit of heavenly Things.

This is to be added if the Child is living.

I commend, likewise, O Lord, to thy Mercy and Goodness, that tender Infant which thou hast lately given me.

Sanctify

Sanctify it, I humbly pray thee, and so fill it with the Graces of thy Holy Spirit, that it may ever be in the Number of thy faithful Servants.

And grant, O merciful Father, that I may never be wanting in my Duty towards it; but enable me, by thy Grace, to bring it up in the Nurture and Admonition of thee the Lord; that as it grows in Years, so it may increase in Grace, and thy Favour, and be a Comfort to me all my Days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed, as is most due, all Honour, Glory, Power, Thanksgiving, and Praise, both now and for evermore. *Amen.*

In Case of dangerous Sickness, see proper Prayers in the Office for the Sick.

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This do in Remembrance of me. Luke xxii. 19.

Filii Dei Sanguine mundatur pœnitens conscientia.

GERHARD.

*In every Thing, by Prayers and Supplications, with Thank-
giving, let your Requests be made known unto God.*
Phil. iv. 6.

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*A Prayer that may be frequently used the
Week preceding the Sacrament, and
which may be added to our Devotions
the Morning we receive it.*

Prayer Almighty God, and merciful Fa-
ther, who hast given thy only
Son Jesus Christ to die for us,
who didst institute a Holy Feast
in Commemoration of that his most pre-
cious

cious Death, thereby to preserve in our Minds a constant Remembrance of his great Love, in laying down his Life for our Sakes; I thy unworthy Servant, who am now invited to thy holy Temple, do humbly adore thy divine Majesty, acknowledging that I am not worthy of my daily Bread, much less of that which came down from Heaven, and which thou hast given to be the Food and Nourishment of our Souls.

I confess, O Lord, my Sins may justly cause me to tremble, when I appear before thee; but, O most merciful Father, encouraged by thy wonderful Goodness, in giving thy Son to die for all penitent and returning Sinners, I present myself before thee at this Time; beseeching thee, in great Humility, to admit me to thy holy Table, that I may taste and see how gracious thou art, and how wonderful in thy Doings towards the Sons of Men.

O make my Longings and Desires after this Divine Food, some way answerable to my great Need of it; that my Soul being sensible of all its Wants, it may no longer seek for Relief from the unsatisfying Objects of this World; but coming to thy Holy Table with a true
3 spiritual

spiritual Hunger and Thirst, may there find a full Supply of all those Graces and Blessings that it stands in so much Need of.

And to this End, O Lord, fit and prepare my Heart to partake of so great a Mercy, by giving me a just Abhorrence of my own Unworthiness, and an unfeigned Repentance of all my Sins. Root out of my Heart all sinful and corrupt Affections, all Prejudice, Hatred, and Ill-will; and plant all those devout and pious, charitable, and humble Dispositions, that become the Worshippers of the Holy Jesus; that when I presume to appear before thee, I may bring with me a Heart raised above the Corruptions that are in the World, and full of the strongest Desires and Resolutions of loving and serving thee.

Deliver me, O my God, from all Coldness and Formality, when I attend upon thee in holy and religious Duties; and grant that by going to this holy Feast, my Weaknesses may be repaired, all my evil Inclinations subdued, my Faith strengthened, my Hopes enlarged, my Charity increased, and my Soul so entirely and inseparably united unto thee, that

Q nothing

nothing may be ever able to dissolve the Union; but that being begun here in Grace, it may hereafter be consummated in Glory, through the Merits of him that died for me, even the Son of thy eternal Love, Jesus Christ the Righteous; to whom with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed, as is most due, all Honour, Glory, Power, Thanksgiving, and Praise, both now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Some Motives, Directions, and Assistance for Examination, may be found in the Office of Humiliation, in the Second Part; also a General Confession, and other Prayers, which may be used in our Preparations for the Sacrament.



PRAYERS in the Church, some, or all of which, may be used as there is Opportunity; that is as there are more or fewer to receive.

A Prayer to prepare our Minds for the Devout Celebration of the Lord's Supper; that may be used, if the Time will permit, before Divine Service begins, or otherwise, as soon as Sermon is ended.

✠✠✠ Almighty God, by whose Bounty
✠ A ✠ and Goodness I have now an
✠✠✠ Opportunity offered me of approaching thy Table, and of pleading before thee the prevailing Merits of the Death and Passion of thy Son Jesus Christ: I am sensible, O Lord, of my great Unworthiness; but the positive Command of my blessed Saviour, when he was about to lay down his Life for my Sake, has made it absolutely necessary; and the many spiritual Wants I labour under, oblige me to apply to this sovereign
Q 2 Remedy,

Remedy, for the Repair of those Breaches my sinful Follies have made in my Soul.

Assist me, therefore, O Lord, with thy Holy Spirit, in the great Duty and Service I am about to perform; grant that nothing during all the Time of this holy Action, may make me unmindful of that Reverence and Respect which I owe unto thy Divine Majesty, or that Attention which becomes the Celebration of these holy Mysteries. Fill my Heart with such an Awe of thy Presence, as may fix my wandering Thoughts, compose my disorderly Affections, and stir up my faint and cold Desires, that I may feel the Power, and taste the Sweetness of this Divine Banquet.

Grant that I may have such a Sense of my Saviour's Sufferings, as may fill my Soul with Love and Gratitude towards Him, for those inestimable Benefits he has purchased for me; that I may have such a Sight of my Sins, which occasioned all his Sorrows, as heartily to bewail and detest them; such a Faith in that full, perfect Oblation and Satisfaction, made upon the Cross for the Sins of the World, that I may so importunately plead
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the Merit of it, in this Commemoration of that Sacrifice, as to render thee gracious and propitious to me, a miserable Sinner; such a Conviction of my own Weakness and Insufficiency, as may procure thy gracious Aid and Assistance; such longing Desires of being made conformable to thy holy Will and Pleasure, as may transform me into thy divine Image, and fix me to continue thy faithful Servant, all the remaining Days of my Life, through the Merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour. *Amen.*



A Prayer when we offer our Alms.

✠✠✠✠✠ I Acknowledge, O Lord, that all I possess is the Effect of thy Bounty; it is from thee I have received it, and to thy holy Name be the Glory. Accept of this Free-will Offering of my Hands, as an Acknowledgment of thy Right to all I enjoy, and as a Testimony of that Love and Charity to my necessitous Brethren

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which thou requirest, and art pleased to take as done to thyself. I will dedicate a Part of those good Things thou hast bestowed upon me, to relieve the Poor; because thou hast made it an Evidence of my Love to thee: And grant that all my Alms-deeds may be performed with such Purity and Intention, and in such a Proportion to what thou hast given me, that they may be acceptable in thy Sight, through the Merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*



A Prayer immediately after Consecration.

Accept, O Eternal God, of that Representation we make before thee, of that All-sufficient Sacrifice which thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, made upon the Cross: Let the Merit of it plead effectually for the Pardon and Forgiveness of all my Sins, and render thee favourable and propitious to me a miserable Sinner; let the Power of it prevail against all the Powers of

of Darknes; let the Wisdom of it make me wise unto Salvation; and let the Peace of it reconcile me unto thee, and bring to me Peace of Conscience.

I adore thee, O blessed Jesus, my Redeemer, who didst endure the painful and shameful Death of the Cross, to recover me from a State of Sin and Misery: I admire thy infinite Condescension, who was pleased to be made miserable, that I might be made happy; poor, that I might be enriched; and didst die, that I might live for ever. With all my Soul, O dear Jesus, I love and praise thee for these stupendous Expressions of thy Bounty and Goodness towards me! O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, have Mercy upon me! O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, grant me thy Peace. *Amen, Lord Jesus. Amen.*

*A Prayer before receiving the consecrated
Elements.*

✠✠✠✠✠ Most Gracious God, who of thy
✠ O ✠ infinite Goodness hast given us
✠ ✠ thy Son Jesus Christ, who did
✠✠✠✠✠ offer up himself to thee a pure
and immaculate Sacrifice upon
the Cross, for us miserable Sinners;

I humbly beseech thee, by the Merits of
of his Blood, the great Price of our Re-
demption; I entreat thee, by his wonder-
ful and ineffable Charity, wherewith he
has vouchsafed to love us, unworthy
Creatures, at so great a Rate; that thou
wouldst be pleased to wash me in his
Blood from all my Sins, which make me
unworthy to partake of these holy Mys-
teries.

Let my Repentance be hearty and sin-
cere, and express itself by all the Fruits of
holy Obedience for the Time to come.

Thou alone out of an unclean Thing
canst bring a clean; of a wretched Sinner
make me holy and righteous.

Thou art the Fountain of Mercy, shut
not up thy Bowels of Compassion towards
me.

Thou

Thou art the great Physician of Souls, display thy Power in my Health and Recovery.

Let me approach thy holy Table with Reverence and Devotion, that no vile Affections may hinder me from receiving the Benefits of this divine Nourishment.

Let me celebrate this Christian Sacrifice with Purity of Heart, and a right Intention of Mind, that I may obtain all those Advantages, for which thou wast graciously pleased to establish it.

Let me entirely resign my Soul and Body to be a reasonable, holy, and lively Sacrifice unto thee; for thou hast the justest Claim to me, since the blessed Jesus has purchased me at the Price of his own Blood.

Grant, O Lord, that I may constantly endeavour to make some Proficiency in all the Virtues of the Christian Life; because the blessed Jesus has obtained for me, by the Merits of his Sufferings, the Grace and Assistance of thy Holy Spirit, to work in me both to will and to do thy good Pleasure.

Make me ready to be reconciled to all those that have offended me; because

when we were Enemies, we were reconciled to God by the Death of his son.

Let me embrace all my poor Brethren with sincere Love and Charity, and contribute all I can to the Relief of Christ's distressed Members; because he thought not his Life too dear, nor his Blood too precious, to redeem me from a State of Bondage and Slavery.

Strengthen me, O Lord, in such a Manner, by this spiritual Food, that I may successfully encounter all the Attacks of my spiritual Enemies.

Suppress in me the Spirit of Pride and Vain-glory, of Envy and Detraction, of Uncleanliness and Intemperance, and of all Distrust and Diffidence of thy Mercy.

May all Temptations to any Offences against thy holy Laws, be overcome by that Power which thou shalt be pleased to communicate to me in this holy Sacrament.

And may all those Evils which the Craft and Subtily of the Devil or Man worketh against me be brought to nought.

That being outwardly and inwardly fortified by the Assistance of thy Grace, I may press towards the Mark for the Prize of

of the high Calling of God in Christ Jesus; when I shall enjoy thee no longer in Mystery, which is our Lot and Portion here below; but see thee Face to Face, and be eternally satisfied with the Pleasures of thy Kingdom, in and through the Merits of Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*



Another Prayer.

✠✠✠ Lord, I come to this holy Table
 ✠ O ✠ as a sick Man to the great Physi-
 ✠ ✠ cian of Life; I beseech thee, O
 ✠ ✠ Lord, to cure my Infirmities.

I come as a polluted Wretch to the Fountain of Mercy; wash away, I entreat thee, all my Uncleanness.

I come as a returning Prodigal Child to his tender and compassionate Father! O receive me and relieve me by thy Favour.

I come as a blind Man to the Source of eternal Brightness; do thou, O Lord, enlighten my Darkness, that I may behold the wondrous Things of thy Law.

I come as a poor frail Creature to the great Lord of Heaven and Earth; supply my Wants, and do abundantly more for me than I am able to ask or think.

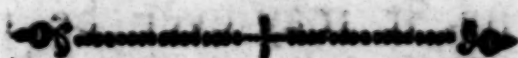
Let me not only receive the outward and visible Sign, but the inward and spiritual Grace, the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ; that so all carnal Affections may die in me, and that all Things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in me; that I may have Power and Strength to have Victory, and to triumph against the World, the Flesh, and the Devil; and also may be endued with all such heavenly Virtues which are pleasing to thee, and which thou wilt eternally reward, for the Merit of thy Son's Death; to whom with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all Honour and Glory, World without End.

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A Prayer just before receiving the consecrated Bread.

✠✠✠✠ God, work in me whatsoever is
✠ O ✠ wanting to fit me for thy divine
✠ ✠ Acceptance, and a worthy Re-
✠ ✠ ceiving of these holy Mysteries.

Give me Repentance unto Life, not to be repented of: Endue me with a lively Faith, a perfect Love, and an universal Charity. Pity my Weakness, and forgive my Infirmities; that I may worthily receive these Elements of Bread and Wine, to my Support and Comfort in this Life, and my eternal Happiness in that which is to come. *Amen.*

*After the Bread.*

✠✠✠✠ Thou who vouchsafest to be our
✠ O ✠ Food, nourish my Soul to Life
✠ ✠ eternal.

Let me feed on thee by a true and lively Faith; and give me such a Relish of this divine Food, that I may never more be delighted with the vain and sinful Pleasures of this World.

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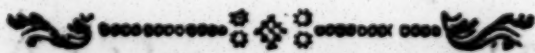
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O merciful Jesus! create in me a mighty Hunger after Righteousness; and let this divine Food instil into my weak and languishing Soul new Supplies of Grace, new Life, new Love, new Vigour, and new Resolutions; that I may never again faint or droop, or tire in my Duty.



Before the Cup.

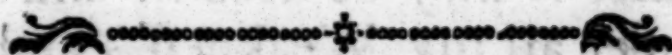
PRANT, O merciful God, that this Cup, which I am now about to receive, may be unto me a Cup of Blessing. Sprinkle me with the Blood of the ever-blessed Jesus; that my Soul being cleansed from all Corruptions, it may ever be precious in thy Sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.



After both.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord! I have done as thou has commanded me, O let me find the great Benefits of this thy Divine Institution: Pour down thy Graces upon

upon me; direct my Goings in thy Ways,
and enable me, by the Power and Strength
of this Divine Food, to persevere in the
Practice of a holy and religious Life, even
to the last Moment of my Days. Be
thou my Peace and Refuge, and let my
Pleasure and Safety depend on thee. Be
thou my Portion and greatest Treasure,
and let my eternal Happiness be fixed in
the Enjoyment of thee. *Amen.*



*A Prayer as soon as we are retired from
the Lord's Table.*

* * * * * Lessing and Honour, Glory, and
* B * Power be unto him that sitteth
* * * * * on the Throne, and unto the
* * * * * Lamb that was slain, for ever
and ever.

I give thee most humble and hearty
Thanks, O Lord, that thou hast been
pleased to admit me to renew my Bap-
tismal Covenant with thee, in this holy
Sacrament.

That thou hast vouchsafed to feed me
with the spiritual Nourishment of the
Body

Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ; and this not for any Merits of my own, but for the Sake of thine infinite Goodness and Mercy.

Unworthy though I am, yet thy Bounty, O Lord, never fails; the Love of my Saviour is not diminished, and the Virtue of his Propitiation is never exhausted; grant, therefore, I beseech thee, that this holy Sacrament may never turn to my Judgment and Condemnation.

But that it may be Health and Recovery under all my Weaknesses and Infirmities;

Safety and Defence against all the Attacks of my spiritual Enemies;

Vigour and Strength to all my holy Purposes and Resolutions;

Comfort and Support under all the Afflictions and Calamities of Life;

Assistance and Direction under all Difficulties and Doubts;

Courage and Constancy under all Dangers and Persecutions, especially in Times of Sicknes, and at the Hour of Death;

Finally, let it procure for me Pardon and Forgiveness in this Life, Mercy and Favour at the Day of Judgment, and a never-fading Crown of Glory in thy heavenly

heavenly Kingdom, where, with thy Son Jesus Christ, and the blessed Spirit, thou livest and reignest, one God, World without End. *Amen.*

• Here, or before we receive, if there
• is Time, and the devout Communicant
• is disposed so to employ himself, may
• be used the *Petitions* for the *Virtues* of
• a *Christian Life*, or the *Prayer* for the
• *Whole State of Mankind*, or the *Thanks*
• giving for God's Mercies, spiritual and
• temporal, in the *Second Part*.

• When all have communicated, and
• the Priest returns to the remaining Part
• of the Communion Office, we must
• leave our private Devotions, and accom-
• pany him with our devoutest Affections.



*A short Prayer when the Communion Ser-
vice is ended.*

¶ *Prayer* Ardon, O God, those Imperfec-
tions that have accompanied me
at this Time, in my Attendance
at thy Altar; forgive the Dead-
ness and Dulness of my Affections, the
Wanderings

Wanderings of my Thoughts, and the Distractions of my Mind.

Let the Sincerity of my holy Purposes and Resolutions be accepted, notwithstanding my Weakness and Frailty.

Oh! let this Commemoration of my crucified Saviour, influence all my Thoughts, Words, and Actions, that my Conversation may be as becometh the Gospel of Christ.

Reward me not according to my Deserts, but according to my great Necessities, and thy own rich Mercy in Jesus Christ; to whom with thee, O God the Father, and God the Holy Ghost, be all Honour and Glory, World without End.

‘ Where Communions are large, we
‘ may want some Exercises for the em-
‘ ploying our devout Affections; and the
‘ *Office* for the Administration of the *Holy*
‘ *Communion* contains such a Variety of
‘ excellent Matter for Meditation, that it
‘ may not be improper to entertain our
‘ Minds, while others are receiving, with
‘ the Consideration of some particular
‘ Parts of it. This may possibly be
‘ sometimes more useful than either these
‘ or any other Prayers; more especially
‘ to

‘ to such as complain of Coldness and
‘ Dulness in their Devotions; for Medi-
‘ tation naturally tends to warm our Af-
‘ fections, and raise in our Minds a Spi-
‘ rit of Devotion.

‘ For Example: Suppose I had deter-
‘ mined to meditate on some Part or Parts
‘ of the Confession, which begins thus:
‘ *Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus*
‘ *Christ, Maker of all Things, Judge of all*
‘ *Men*: Here I would stop, and consider
‘ well the Import of these Words: They
‘ contain four of God’s most comprehen-
‘ sive Titles. First, he is here said to be
‘ *Almighty*; secondly, *the Father of our*
‘ *Lord Jesus Christ*; thirdly, *the Maker*
‘ *and Creator of all Things*; fourthly, *the*
‘ *Judge of all Men*. The Consideration
‘ of the first and last will provoke us to
‘ godly Sorrow, and the second and third
‘ will excite our Hope in his Mercy. So
‘ that from hence we may take Occasion
‘ to exercise Acts of Sorrow and Humi-
‘ liation, of Hope and Love, &c. thus:
‘ *I consider, O my God, that I have offended*
‘ *thee, who art Almighty, and therefore*
‘ *able to punish; but I consider too, that*
‘ *thou art the Father of our Lord Jesus*
‘ *Christ, and therefore I cannot doubt of thy*
‘ *Love*

‘ Love to me, and of thy Readiness to for-
‘ give me, who repent and turn to thee.
‘ Such Ejaculations might be formed
‘ from each of these Particulars, or from
‘ any other Parts of the Communion-
‘ Office; or we may meditate on such of
‘ the following Texts of Scripture or
‘ others, as may most excite our Devo-
‘ tion, or further us in the way of Piety.

‘ If ye therefore be risen with Christ,
‘ seek those Things which are above,
‘ where Christ sitteth at the Right Hand
‘ of God. Set your Affections on Things
‘ above, not on Things on the Earth,
‘ Col. iii. 1, 2.

‘ Love not the World, nor the Things
‘ that are in the World. If any Man love
‘ the World, the Love of the Father is
‘ not in him. For all that is in the
‘ World, the Lust of the Flesh, and the
‘ Lust of the Eyes, and the Pride of Life,
‘ is not of the Father, but is of the World,
‘ 1 John ii. 15, 16.

‘ Mortify, therefore, your Members
‘ which are on the Earth: Fornication,
‘ Uncleanness, inordinate Affection, evil
‘ Concupiscence, and Covetousness, which
‘ is Idolatry. For which Things sake,
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the Wrath of God cometh on the Children of Disobedience, *Col. iii. 5, 6.*

He that committeth Sin is of the Devil; for the Devil sinneth from the Beginning. For this Purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the Works of the Devil, *John; iii. 8.*

If ye live after the Flesh, ye shall die; but if ye, through the Spirit, do mortify the Deeds of the Body, ye shall live, *Rom. i. 12.*

They that are Christ's have crucified the Flesh, with its Affections and Lusts, *Gal. v. 24.*

Knowing this, that our old Man is crucified with him, that the Body of Sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve Sin, *Rom. vi. 6.*

Take heed, and beware of Covetousness; for a Man's Life consisteth not in the Abundance of the Things which he possesseth, *Matt. x. 31.*

Godliness with Contentment is great Gain. For we brought nothing into this World, and it is certain we shall carry nothing out. And having Food and Raiment, let us be therewith content; but they that will be rich fall into
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‘ Temptation, and a Snare, and into many
‘ foolish and hurtful Lusts, which drown
‘ Men in Destruction and Perdition,
‘ 1 *Tim.* vi. 6, 7, 8, 9.

‘ But thou, O Man of God, flee these
‘ Things, and follow after Righteousness,
‘ Godliness, Faith, Love, Patience, Meek-
‘ ness. Charge them that are rich in
‘ this World, that they be not high-
‘ minded, nor trust in uncertain Riches,
‘ but in the living God, who giveth us
‘ all Things richly to enjoy. That they
‘ do good; that they be rich in good
‘ Works; laying up in Store for them-
‘ selves a good Foundation against the
‘ Time to come, that they may lay hold
‘ on eternal Life, 1 *Tim.* vi. 17, 18, 19.

‘ Here we have no continuing City,
‘ but seek one to come, *Heb.* xiii. 14.

‘ Strangers and Pilgrims on the Earth,
‘ *Heb.* xi. 13.

‘ What is your Life? it is a Vapour,
‘ that appeareth a little Time, and then
‘ vanisheth away, *James* iv. 14.

‘ It is appointed unto Men once to die,
‘ but after this the Judgment, *Heb.* ix. 27.

‘ Now, I say, Brethren, it remains that
‘ both they that have Wives, be as though
‘ they had none; and they that weep, as
‘ though

‘ though they wept not; and they that
‘ rejoyce, as though they rejoiced not;
‘ and they that buy, as though they pos-
‘ sessed not; and they that use this World,
‘ as not abusing it; for the Fashion of
‘ this World passeth away, 1 *Cor.* vii.

‘ 29, 30, 31.

‘ Our rejoicing is this, the Testimony
‘ of our Conscience, that in Simplicity
‘ and godly Sincerity, by the Grace of
‘ God, we have had our Conversation in
‘ the World, 2 *Cor.* i. 12.

‘ And herein do I exercise myself to
‘ have always a Conscience void of Of-
‘ fence, towards God, and towards Men,
‘ *Acts* xxiv. 16.

‘ If our Hearts condemn us not, then
‘ have we Confidence towards God,
‘ 1 *John* iii. 21.

‘ Let him that thinketh he standeth
‘ (*or shall stand*) take heed lest he fall,
‘ 1 *Cor.* x. 12.

‘ Thou standest by Faith. Be not
‘ high-minded, but fear, *Rom.* xi. 20.

‘ Watch and pray, that ye enter not
‘ into Temptation. The Spirit indeed is
‘ willing but the Flesh is weak, *Matt.*
‘ xxvi. 41.

‘ God

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above what you are able; but will, with the Temptation, make a Way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it, 1 Cor. x. 13.

For though we walk in the Flesh, we do not war after the Flesh; for the Weapons of our Warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong Holds: Casting down Imaginations, and every high Thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into Captivity every Thought to the Obedience of Christ, 2 Cor. x. 3, 4, 5.

Let your Loins be girded about, and your Lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto Men that wait for the Lord, Luke xii. 35.

The Hour is coming, in which all that are in the Grave shall hear his Voice, and shall come forth: They that have done Good unto the Resurrection of Life, and they that have done Evil, unto the Resurrection of Damnation, John v. 28.

Take heed to yourselves, lest at any Time your Hearts be overcharged with Surfeiting and Drunkenness, and Cares
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pursue the Advancement of thy Glory, and the Good of Mankind.

And grant, O God, that no Good thou shalt vouchsafe to bring about by their poor Endeavours, may tempt them to think highly of themselves, but modestly and humbly.

Remove all unreasonable Prejudices against their Designs; shed forth thy Love abroad in their Hearts, and make them zealous of all good Works, that they may chearfully embrace all Opportunities of doing Good to the Souls and Bodies of Men, and not be discouraged at any Difficulties or Oppositions they may meet with.

O God, hear their Prayers for themselves and others; defend them from the Rage of Satan, and from the Malice of evil Men; perfect Holiness more and more in their Hearts; and unite them more to one another in thy Truth, and in the Bond of Love; and make them zealous of all good Works, according to the Command and Example of Jesus Christ, who went about doing Good, for whose Sake I beseech to hear me. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Person engaged in a Law-Suit, or like to be so.

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 Thou Sovereign Lord and Governor of the World, to thee all Judgment belongs, and to thee I submit myself, in the Cause wherein I am [likely to be] engaged. I have endeavoured, according to the best of my Power and Skill, faithfully to examine and consider the Justice of my Cause, before I durst lay it at thy Tribunal. Convince me, O Lord, if I am under any Mistake; direct and assist me under all the Difficulties and Incumbrances which I am like to meet with; and in thy good Time, put a happy and peaceable End to the Business which I [am about to undertake, or] have undertaken.

To which End, give me that Wisdom from above, which is peaceable; gentle, and easy to be entreated; that nothing may be wanting, on my Part, to bring this Matter to a speedy and friendly Conclusion; and dispose the Heart of my contending Brother to the like peaceable Inclination. Teach us to lay aside all
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Fondness and Partiality, and enable us continually to practise that Christian and equitable Law, of doing as we would be done by.

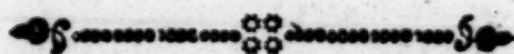
But if this Matter be too hard for us, and if it be thy good Pleasure that I shall be engaged in a Law Suit; [or, since it is thy good Pleasure that I am engaged in Law] grant me the Help of thy Grace, that I may contend for Right more than Victory, that nothing may be done through Malice, Strife, Pride, or Vain-glory; that no Profit or Advantage whatsoever may prevail upon me to transgress the Laws of Justice and Charity; nor any illegal Practice or hard Usage which I may meet with from my Adversary, ever provoke me to the like Injustice, or to any unchristian Behaviour towards him; but that during the whole Course of Law, I may preserve a friendly, peaceable, and equitable Temper of Spirit; submitting the Event to thy fatherly Wisdom and Disposition, who knowest what is most necessary and convenient for me.

And, I beseech thee, to keep me constantly under such a Sense of thy All-seeing Providence, and such a Dread of thy Justice, that I may never offer the
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least Wrong or Injury to any Man; but on the contrary, make me willing and ready (according to thy Command) to suffer some Injuries, rather than expose myself and Neighbour to those Evils and Temptations which we may be liable to in procuring a legal Satisfaction; especially, let me never dare to commit any Fraud or Oppression, under the Colour or Pretence of Law; nor venture to support myself in the most just Cause, by any unlawful Means. Make me prudently to consider, that whatever Injuries may happen to me, by the Fraud or Injustice of Man, are by thy Permission; as a Trial of my Patience, or a Correction of my Offences, or for some other wise and good End of thy Providence; and that thou, who art the sovereign Disposer of all Things, canst, and I hope wilt, make up whatever Loss shall befall me, when it hath effected the Ends for which thou wast pleased to inflict it; so that in the mean Time, I may be patient and submissive to thy Will, considering that thou hast an absolute Right to all that I possess.

I beseech thee also, let the Remembrance of thy Mercies and Forgiveness towards me, fill my Heart with such a
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Christian Love and Compassion, that I may never contend with my Neighbour, to gratify my own corrupt Nature, nor take Delight in his Sufferings; But let the Sense of what thou hast done and suffered for me, banish all covetous Desires from my Soul, and excite in me a Compassion towards thy distressed Members; for thy Sake, forgiving my Fellow-servants, as I hope myself to be forgiven, when thou shalt come to judge the Quick and the Dead. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's Sake, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*



A Prayer for one that deliberates about Marriage.

✠✠✠ GOD, the Creator and Preserver
 ✠ O ✠ of Mankind, who hast instituted
 ✠ ✠ ✠ the holy State of Matrimony, as
 ✠ ✠ ✠ the only Way to continue the
 World, and for the Comfort of Man's
 Life, under the various Evils, Cares, and
 Labours of it, by the mutual Society and
 Help that married Persons ought to have
 one for the other, both in Prosperity and

Adversity, and for the Good of human Society, by preventing many Confusions, and promoting Concord therein: Grant, that now I have Thoughts of entering into this State, I may so seriously consider the chief End of its Institution, as not to enterprize the same unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly to satisfy my carnal Lust or Appetites; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the Fear of God.

Let me seriously weigh and consider beforehand, the solemn Vow and Promise I shall then make, so as never to entertain any Thoughts of it, without a sincere Purpose of Heart, and a firm Resolution of Mind to perform the same.

Let me consider, that if I marry, my future Happiness or Misery of Life will very much depend on the Choice I make; that with whomsoever I marry, I venture the being happy or unhappy all my Days; and that I shall be obliged, by thy holy Laws, to love my Partner, and no other, till Death.

*This is to be used
by a Person un-
der the Care of
Parents or Guar-
dians.*

Let not a wild and sensual, a heedless and inconsiderate Spirit, rule me in this momentous Change of my Life: [And since I am young, and under the
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Care and Direction of others, as I expect thy Blessing, let me listen to their Advice and better Judgment in this Matter.]

Let Reason and Religion, Prudence and Consideration, and, above all, thy good Providence, direct my Choice; and let my chief Ends be those for which Matrimony was ordained.

Let me chiefly aim at Religion and Virtue, Wisdom and Discretion, and such other good Qualities and Dispositions in a Partner, as are most likely to last and continue, and not such only as please for a Time, and will bear little satisfactory Reflection afterwards.

O Lord, the Sovereign and wise Disposer of all Things! Grant I may duly consider that a Man's Heart deviseth a Way, and proposeth a Design to make his Life easy and Happy: Yet thou, O Lord, directest his Steps, and determinest the Event, and givest such Issues as it pleases thee, and when thou seest fit, many Times quite contrary to what he intended or persuaded himself of; I know the Way of Man is not in himself, it is not in Man that walketh, to direct his own Steps.

Let me therefore in all my Ways acknowledge thee, that thou mayest vouch-

safe to direct my Paths: Let me not trust to my own Prudence, Care, Skill, or on any human Aid; but let me seek to engage thy good Providence on my Behalf, and only Regard to do my own Duty; because 'the Events' are thine, and thou canst turn the fairest Prospects of Happiness to my Punishment and Misery: And far be it from me, O God, to endeavour to rescue them out of thy Hand, by Fraud or Falsehood, or by using any dishonest or unworthy Means to bring this or any other Purpose about; always remembering, that *he that walketh uprightly walketh surely.* And let me wait thy Time, and think that always best; for thou only knowest what Things are joined to, and are the Consequences of other, and what is fittest for me, and for my greatest Happiness; and hast promised that all Things shall work together for Good to those that love thee. In confidence hereof, let me rest satisfied with that State and Condition (whatever it be) that thou in thy Wisdom and Goodness shalt order me. O Lord, vouchsafe to hear my Prayers, which I offer through the Mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for a Married Man in Behalf of
his Wife.*

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ Almighty God and merciful Fa-
✠ O ✠ ther, who by thy Wisdom and
✠ ✠ ✠ Providence has appointed the se-
veral Places and Stations of Men
in this World: Thou hast called me to the
State of Marriage, which is honourable,
because instituted by thee; and which
thou hast ordained for the Comfort and
Happiness of us thy Creatures, and for
many other wise and good Ends. Sanc-
tify it to me, I humbly beseech thee, and
grant that I may never abuse it to any
base or unworthy Purposes; but so be-
have myself under this, and all other
Conditions of my Life, as becomes the
Servant of the ever-blessed Jesus.

To this End, O Lord, give me a meek
and gentle Spirit, a Spirit of Love, and
Kindness and Charity, that is not easily
provoked, nor apt to entertain angry and
unkind Resentments; that I may love
my Wife with a hearty and sincere Af-
fection.

Let me never exercise that Authority thou hast given me, in a severe, arbitrary, and tyrannical Manner; but with Kindness and Condescension, Prudence, and Discretion, endeavouring, as much as in me lies, to make my Wife easy and happy all her Days; and grant that she may never, by any Follies or Extravagance of mine, be made miserable while I live, nor left destitute and unprovided when I die.

Make me faithful and conscientious, O Lord, in the Discharge of that solemn Vow and Promise which I made upon my entering into this holy State, and of those Duties which it engages me to: O let me never wander after strange and forbidden Pleasures, nor be inordinate in the Use of those that are lawful; but grant that all my Actions may be governed by the Rules of Purity and Holiness, of Justice and Sobriety, having always before my Eyes that strict Account which I must one Day give.

O let me never waste and consume my Time and Substance in Surfeiting and Drunkenness, in Riot and Disorder: But grant that by Diligence and Industry, and by thy Blessing accompanying all my Endeavours, I may be enabled to provide
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for my Wife and Children in such a manner, as may conduce to their Happiness, both here and hereafter.

O let thy Blessing rest upon the Head of her whom thou hast given to be my Wife : Give her Length of Days (if it be thy blessed Will) and increase in her ever more and more the Virtues of Meekness and Humility, of Kindness and Condescension, and all other divine Virtues, that she may be an Ornament to her Sex, and a real Blessing and Comfort to me.

Let all Strife and Contention: all Heat and Passion, Repinings and Discontent be far from us; and let true Christian Love and Peace dwell in our Hearts. Make us eminent Examples to all about us, of a holy and blameless Conversation; and grant that we may live together in an inviolable Bond of Love and Friendship, bearing with one another's Infirmities, and studying to promote the Welfare and Happiness, the Support and Comfort of each other : O make us so faithful to discharge all our Duties in this Life, that when thou shalt be pleased to take us hence, we may dwell with thee in Life

everlasting, through the Merits of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



*A Prayer for a Married Woman in Behalf
of her Husband.*

✠✠✠ Almighty God! Thou art the
✠ O ✠ Sovereign Lord of Heaven and
✠✠✠ Earth, and orderest and disposest
all Things, and all Persons, as it
seemeth best to thy godly Wisdom: Thou
hast been pleased to call me to the State of
Marriage, which is honourable, because
instituted by thee, and which thou hast
ordained for the Comfort and Happiness
of us thy Creatures, and for many other
wise and good Ends. Sanctify it to me,
I humbly beseech thee, and grant that I
may behave myself under this, and all
other Conditions of my Life, as becomes
the Servant of the ever-blessed Jesus.

To this End, O Lord, give me a meek
and humble Spirit, a Spirit of Love and
Gentleness, that is not easily provoked,
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nor apt to entertain angry and unkind Resentments; that I may never be guilty of any unbecoming Carriage towards him whom thou hast given to be my Husband; but that I may love, honour, and obey him, as thou hast commanded me, and I have most solemnly engaged to do.

Let me never be of the Number of those who think hardly of thy Laws, which I am sensible, O Lord, and fully persuaded are just and reasonable, and highly conducing to the Good of thy Creatures. And since thou hast thought fit that Wives should be in subjection to to their Husband's, grant that I may never be found to oppose thy Will, but readily and chearfully submit to his Authority, whom thou hast been pleased to set over me.

Deliver me, O my God, from all Pride and Vanity, from all Affectation and Self-conceit; and suffer me not, I beseech thee, to employ my Thoughts and Study how to adorn a corruptible Body (which will shortly be stript of all its gay Attire, and be a Prey to Worms and Rottenness) and in the mean Time neglect to cultivate and improve my Mind, that better and nobler Part; but grant that I

may labour to adorn my Soul with heavenly Graces and good Dispositions, and may esteem the Ornament of a meek and quiet Spirit, which is in thy Sight of so great Price, far more beautiful and becoming than all that outward Dress and Gaiety which foolish People so much doat on.

O let me never be conformed to the wicked Customs of the World, nor waste my precious Hours in unprofitable Amusements, much less in the Pursuit of those vain and sinful Pleasures, which wound and debase the Soul, and which (how pleasing soever they may now appear) will one Day end in bitter and severe Reflections: But, Lord, do thou inspire me with a Love to Virtue and Religion, and to those Pleasures which are above; that all my Recreations and Diversions, that all my Business and Employments, may be such as are suitable to the Condition wherein thou hast placed me, and as becomes a Woman professing Godliness.

Grant, O gracious Lord, that not only my Thoughts and Desires may be chaste and pure, but that all my outward Actions and Behaviour may be agreeable thereto

thereto, free from all just Cause of Suspicion and Offence, and not so much as sullied with the least Appearance of Evil.

O make me faithful and conscientious in the Discharge of all those Duties to which the State I am now in engages me.

Finally, O Lord, I beseech thee to send thy Blessing upon my Husband; give him Length of Days (if it be thy blessed Will) and increase in him ever more and more the Graces of thy Holy Spirit. Grant that I may do all that in me lies, to make his Life easy and comfortable, by a kind and obliging Conduct and Behaviour towards him, and by conforming myself to all just and reasonable Desires.

Let all Strife and Contention, all Heat and Passion, Repinings and Discontent, be far from us; and let true Christian Love and Peace dwell in our Hearts: Make us eminent Examples to all about us, of a holy and blameless Conversation; and grant that we may live together in an inviolable Bond of Love and Friendship, bearing with one another's Infirmities, and studiously endeavouring to promote the Welfare and Happiness of each other:
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O make us so faithfully to discharge all our Duties in this Life, that when thou shalt be pleased to take us hence, we may dwell with thee in Life everlasting, through the Merits of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



A Prayer to be used either by a Father or Mother for their Children.

✱✱✱ Lord, make me a kind and tender Parent, truly careful and solicitous to promote the Welfare and Happiness of my Children. Let thy good Spirit assist me to form in their tender Minds the Principles of Virtue and Religion, to teach them to remember thee their Creator in the Days of their Youth, and to bring them up in thy Fear and Love: Let me make it my constant Care and Endeavour to wean them from all Pride and Vanity, and to set before them the Example of a holy and religious Life.


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O let the powerful Efficacy of thy good Spirit root out of their Hearts all corrupt and sinful Affections; and instead thereof, do thou sow the incorruptible Seed of thy Grace, that they may become Partakers of thy Divine Nature, and may bring forth in their Lives the Fruits of Righteousness and true Holiness.

Defend them, O Lord, I beseech thee, against the Evils and Temptations of this World, and grant that they may never be led away by the wicked Customs and Examples, the Lusts and Vanities of it; but obediently keeping thy holy Will and Commandments, and walking in the same all the Days of their Lives, they may be Instruments of thy Glory, by doing Good in their Generations; and after they have served thee faithfully in this World, they may hereafter be made Partakers of everlasting Happiness in that which is to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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A Prayer for a Master or Mistress.


 God, make me, I beseech thee,
 a kind and gentle Master, for-
 bearing all cruel and severe
 Usage towards those thou hast
 placed in Subjection under me, as know-
 ing I have a Master in Heaven, with
 whom is no Respect of Persons. Let me
 never be so wicked as to put my Servants
 upon Cheating and Lying, or any other
 base or unworthy Practices; but give me
 a tender Care and Concern for their Souls,
 that they may never perish through any
 Neglect or Fault of mine.

Let me imitate the Example of thy
 Servant *Joshua*, and resolve that both I
 and my House will serve thee. To which
 End, give us Grace daily to offer up
 our joint Prayers and Praises to thy Di-
 vine Majesty, and to be frequent in at-
 tending upon the public Offices of Re-
 ligion, and to spend some Part of the
 Lord's Day together in Prayer and other
 holy Duties. Grant this for the Sake of
 Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Person in Private, upon any Day of Public Fasting and Humiliation; which may be used after the Morning Service of the Day is over.

Most great and mighty G O D!
 O Thou art a consuming Fire to all disobedient and impenitent Sinners, but a most tender and compassionate Father to such as truly repent and turn unto thee: Thou art a God of infinite Power, Holiness, and Purity; thou lovest Righteousness, and hatest Iniquity, and who can stand in thy Sight when thou art angry? O Lord, when I consider the Greatness of thy Majesty, and reflect upon my own Nothingness and Vileness, I am afraid to speak unto thee. But, O blessed God, thou hast vouchsafed to declare thyself a God gracious and merciful, forgiving Iniquity, Transgression, and Sin.

Hear me, therefore, O most merciful Father, and look with Pity upon me, who, in the Behalf of myself, and of the sinful People of this Land, fall low on my

my Knees before thee, begging for Mercy and Pardon at the Throne of Grace.

O Lord, I do most sorrowfully confess, that we are a wicked and rebellious People, notwithstanding the manifold and often repeated Mercies which thou hast vouchsafed us. Thou hast shewn us wonderful Things in thy Goodness, O God of our Salvation, and hast hitherto protected both our Church and Nation from secret Treachery and open Violence. Thou hast continued to us the Light of thy glorious Gospel, the Benefit of thy Word and Sacraments; thou hast preserved to us our holy Religion, reformed from those Errors and Corruptions which prevail in many other Nations; and hast blessed us with Liberty, Safety, and Plenty; whilst so many of our Brethren Abroad are persecuted and enslaved, and whilst other Countries have groaned under the Miseries and Calamities of Tyranny, Bloodshed, and Ruin. Thou hast given us fruitful Seasons, and many other great and invaluable Blessings; and for many Years hast preserved us from Famine, Pestilence, and Earthquakes, and
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from civil and intestine Wars; and when thou hast corrected us, it has been like a kind and tender Father, in Mercy and Gentleness, letting us see, that not our Ruin, but our Amendment was intended thereby.

And now, O Lord, after all these Obligations, all these Blessings, what Manner of Persons ought we to have been in all holy Conversation and Godliness? But alas! to our Shame and Confusion it must be confessed, that we have shewn ourselves very unworthy of these thy Mercies; and instead of making suitable Returns for thy Goodness and Loving-kindness, have, by a long Course of Sin and Rebellion, greatly provoked thy Wrath and Indignation against us. We have blasphemed that holy Name whereby we are called, and by our enormous Practices, have made our Lives as notorious for Vice, as they should have been eminent for Virtue and Piety.

We have abused our Plenty, by Riot and Luxury; our Liberty, by Licentiousness; our Ease and Safety, by Strife, and Envy, and Divisions amongst ourselves. We have not expressed a due Sense of the
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inestimable Benefits of the Gospel, nor brought forth Fruits worthy of it; but while we call ourselves Christians, commit such Things as ought not so much as to be named among us. Nay, O Lord, so little do we retain of the Power of Godliness, that many among us have now cast off the very Form thereof, denying the Lord that bought them, and all the Revelations that he has made of his Will, trampling upon all that is Sacred, and not only think, but say, There is no God.

This, O Lord, is the sad and deplorable State of this sinful Nation; which I unfeignedly grieve for, and lament before thee; and the more, because my own Sins (with Sorrow I confess it) have contributed to fill up the Measure of our Iniquities.

I confess, O God, that I have grievously offended thee, by [*Here you may name your particular Sins.*]

It is of thy Mercy, O God, that we are not consumed, and because thy compassions fail not: For should thou have dealt with us after our Sins, and rewarded us according to our Iniquities, we had long before

before this been like as *Sodom* and *Gomorrhah*, or swept away by some other sudden and severe Destruction.

But, O merciful Father, thou hast shewn thyself to be a God gracious and merciful, slow to Anger of great Kindness, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to Repentance: Thou hast spared us when we deserved Punishment, and in the Midst of Judgment hast remembered Mercy.

In Mercy, O God, awaken us all to a true and deep Sense of our manifold, and often repeated Provocations; and for thy Name's Sake, and for the Sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, pardon the great and crying Sins of this whole Nation; and in a more peculiar Manner, I beseech thee to pardon me, who now humble myself before thee, and forgive all my Sins, which have helped to increase thy severe Displeasure against us.

Wash away all our Sins in the Blood of the ever-blessed Jesus. And Oh! be thou reconciled unto us, who are now seeking unto thee in Fasting and Prayer! Spare thy People, O good Lord, spare them; and grant that we may so turn
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from all our evils Ways, that Iniquity may not be our Ruin.

Make us, in this our Day, to see the Things that belong to our Peace, before they are hid from our Eyes; lest that dreadful Day come upon us, when all Opportunities of reconciling ourselves to our offended God shall be taken from us.

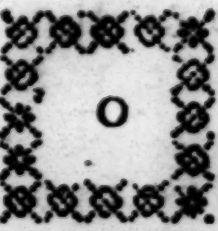
And do thou so effectually convince every one of us of the great Evil of Sin, and what dreadful Punishments will inevitably fall upon those that persist in it, that we may forsake all our Sins and Wickedness, and turn into thee the Lord our God. Fill us with such a godly Sorrow for our Sins, as may work in us a true Repentance not to be repented of; and grant that we may now be so truly humbled for them, that this may be such a Fast as thou hast chosen: A Fast that may loose the Bands of Wickedness, wherewith we have been so long tied and bound, that we may be set free from every evil Way, and may no longer abuse thy Mercies, nor despise thy Judgments; but may become a peculiar People zealous of good Works, that thou may'st turn from
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thy Displeasure against us, and delight over us to do us Good, to build us up, and not to destroy us.

Hear, O Lord, and answer my Prayers, that go not out of feigned Lips! O let them prevail with thee for Mercy for myself and all this People: even such a Measure of thy Grace, as will at Length reclaim us, through the Merits and Intercession of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



A Prayer upon the same Occasion; which may be used after the Evening Service.

 God, thou art Great, and dost wonderful Things, thou art God alone! Thou takest Vengeance of those that contemn thy Laws, but hast, in all Ages, wonderfully condescended to the Intercessions of thy Servants, which have feared thee, and called upon thy Name; behold with Pity and Compassion this Church and Nation,

Nation, now humbling itself before thee; accept our Humiliation, and hear the Prayers which have been this Day offered up at the Throne of Grace; and grant they may be effectual, through the Intercession of thy dear Son, to obtain Mercy and Pardon for the sinful People of this Land.

O Lord, I confess that thou may'st justly be displeased with us, for our great and manifold Provocations, and that we are no more worthy to be called, or dealt with as thy Sons or Servants, whom neither thy Judgments have driven, nor thy Mercies led to Repentance: O be thou graciously pleased to look upon us in the Son of thy Love, and give us such a deep Sense of the Evil of our Doings, that we may truly repent of, and so effectually turn from all our Transgressions, that thou may'st be reconciled, and at Peace with us; and that our Humiliation and Repentance may so effectually work upon every one of us, that we may cleanse ourselves from all Filthiness both of Flesh and Spirit, perfecting Holiness in thy Fear; and that instead of those abominable and crying -Sins, which so openly
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now reign among us, Religion, and all the blessed Fruits of it, may flourish and increase in this Land.

Remove from us, O merciful Father, the Evils which our Sins have brought upon us, and avert those dreadful Judgments which we have just Cause to fear; and however thou may'st think fit to punish and correct us, yet take not from us, O Lord, I beseech thee, the Light of thy glorious Gospel; but grant that it may break in so powerfully upon all our Hearts, that we may see the great Danger we are in, and may resolve in good Earnest to give up ourselves to thy Obedience.

Stir up, O God, every Soul among us, to root out of our Hearts all Pride, and Wrath, and Bitterness; all Hatred, Malice, and Desire of Revenge; and whatsoever may hinder us from discerning or practising the Things that belong to our Peace; and inspire every one of us with true Christian Love and Charity, with Meekness of Wisdom, Lowliness of Mind, Patience, Long-suffering, and forbearing one another in Love, that we may all henceforth be united in one holy Bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity,

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and may with one Heart, and one Soul, join together in promoting the Honour and Glory of thy Name, the Interest of Religion, and the Happiness and Prosperity of these Kingdoms; that so thou, who art the God of Peace, may'st be our God, and dwell among us; and that we may be thy People, zealously devoted to thy Service and Obedience.

To this End, O Lord, I beseech thee, to bestow thy Blessings spiritual and temporal upon our most Gracious Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*, and all that are put in Authority under him, both in Church and State; bless them with Wisdom from above, which is first pure, and then peaceable; and make all their Consultations effectual to the glory of thy great Name, the Preservation of thy Church and true Religion among us, the Honour and Safety of his Majesty, the Stability of our Times, and the Security, Peace, and Prosperity of all Estates and Conditions of Men among us.

Make all Magistrates, and other inferior Officers, faithful and conscientious in the Discharge of that Trust which thou hast reposed in them; and grant, that they being truly zealous for thy Glory,
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may constantly employ that Power which thou hast given them for the Punishment of Wickedness and Vice; that so the Sins of particular Persons may not become National, nor, through the Connivance or Encouragement of those in Authority, bring down thy heavy Judgments upon us.

Be gracious, O God, to thy holy Catholic Church, especially that Part of it which thou hast planted in these Kingdoms; let no Design formed against it ever prosper; and grant, that all that name the Name of Christ may depart from Iniquity, and live suitably to their holy Profession.

Look down with Mercy and Pity upon the sad and mournful Estate of those who now suffer for the Truth of thy Gospel, and the Testimony of a good Conscience; strengthen their Faith, and animate their Courage; and grant that no Persecutions may ever drive them to a Denial of the Truth. Shew thyself their mighty Deliverer, that all Men may see it, and say, Verily there is a God that judgeth in the Earth.

Enlighten all those that are in Darkness and Error, and bring them to the
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Light, and Knowledge and Practice of the Truth, and grant that all the Kingdoms of the World may be turned unto the Lord, and become one Flock, under the great Shepherd and Bishop of our Souls, thy Son Jesus Christ.

What follows may be properly added in Time of War.

Bless and prosper the great Undertaking which this Nation is now engaged in: Go forth with our Fleets and Armies; bless them with Victory and Success; and suffer not our Sins to provoke thee so far as to deliver us up into the Hands of our Enemies; but send us, in thy good Time, such a Peace as may tend to the Glory of thy great Name, the Preservation of thy Church and true Religion among us, and the Honour, Safety, and Prosperity of these Kingdoms.

Finally, O Lord, I pray thee to extend thy Mercy even to those that hate us, and who without any just Cause are our Enemies: Disappoint their Devices, and give them Repentance and better Minds; shed abroad thy Love in their Hearts, and en-
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due them with a meek, humble, and charitable Spirit; and grant that we being delivered from the Hands of our Enemies, may serve thee without Fear, in Holiness and Righteousness before thee all our Days, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*



*A Thanksgiving and Prayer in private,
on a Day set apart by Authority for
Commemorating any national Blessing or
Deliverance.*

“ On which Occasion may be also used
“ the General Thanksgiving, Page 260.”

✠✠✠✠ Blessed and glorious God, the
✠ B ✠ Creator, Governor, and Judge of
✠✠✠✠ the World, our Deliverer and
continual Benefactor, I acknow-
ledge thy great Bounty and Goodness to
these Nations, as well as to myself in
particular.

I adore thy infinite Goodness, Wisdom,
and Power, whereby thou sometimes pul-
lest down one Nation and settest up an-

other; and at other Times makest one Nation to be a Blessing and Defence, or a Plague or Scourge to another, in such a Manner as serves best the Interest of thy Church, and most manifests thy Providence over the World, and makest thy Goodness, thy Justice, and thy Power, to be known to the Kingdoms of it; to the Intent they should not at any Time trust in the Arm of Flesh, nor abuse thy Blessings and Favours; but fear and love, serve and worship thee; who art a Rewarder of them that seek thee.

I render unfeigned Thanks unto thee, O most gracious God, that though for our Sins thou hast justly raised up Enemies, that seek our Ruin, yet thou hast not suffered them so to prevail against us, as to accomplish their cruel Designs, but hast hitherto afforded us Counsel and Strength to keep off all the dreadful Calamities and Miseries of War, Desolation, Distraction, and Slavery.

I thank thee for that Measure of Tranquility, Safety, and Peace, we enjoy; that we are not disturbed by civil Commotions, but possess in Safety the many good Things thou bestowest upon us; and that we have a Course of Common Justice
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open to us; and for the wholesome Air and Health of these Countries.

I thank thee for the great Plenty and Fruitfulness of them; and the many good Things we, by thy good Providence, obtain from other Places; as well for Health and Pleasure, as for Food and Nourishment.

I thank thee, who art the God of all Order, and the Sovereign Good, Happiness, and Defence of all Societies and States, for the excellent Frame and Constitution of our civil Government and Laws, and the wise and prudent Administration of them, for the Liberty and Freedom of our Persons and Estates; whilst some People live under Slavery, Tyranny, and Oppression; and others are forced to strange Countries for Liberty and Relief.

Blessed be thy Name, O most merciful Lord God, that though for our Sins thou hast frequently visited this [City and] Country with thy Judgments, sometimes by taking great Numbers of us away by Plague and Pestilence; sometimes by Fire, which consumed our Goods, and wasted our Estates; and sometimes by Storms and Tempests, which destroyed our Sub-

stance, and many of us, and weakened our Public Defence against our Enemies ; yet thou hast always in thy Judgments remembered Mercy ; and hast not punished us according to our Deserts, nor left us without some special Marks of thy good Providence. More particularly, O Lord, I bless and praise thy holy Name for the Mercies which we this Day Commemorate.

But above all thy Blessings and Mercies, I render most humble and unfeigned Thanks to thee, most gracious and merciful Lord God, for thy distinguishing Favours to these Kingdoms, in that thou hast long since brought us out of Heathenish Darkness and Error, to the clear Light and true Knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ, and to a free Profession of thy true Religion and Worship.

For the free Use of thy holy Word in our Mother-tongue, which also is preached unto us in Simplicity and Purity, by the Pastors and Ministers of thy Church, whom thou hast preserved in a constant Succession to teach and explain to us, in these latter Days, thy holy Will, and to stir us up to an Obedience thereof.

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I thank thee for the free Use of thy holy Sacraments, and for all other the Means of Grace which we enjoy.

And for that thou hast delivered us from Popish Superstition and Error, and from sundry Attempts that have been made to bereave us of thy true Religion and Worship established amongst us.

For these, and all other Blessings thou art pleased to give and continue to us, blessed and praised be thy holy Name, our Lord and Governor, who art excellent in all the Earth.

And, O Lord, I beseech thee to hear the Prayers, and accept the Praises which have this Day been offered up unto thee, by the People of this Land; and give us all such a Sense of thy great Goodness, as may engage us to a true and suitable Thankfulness; such as may appear in our Lives by a holy and obedient Walking before thee all our Days.


Suffer us not to wax wanton or proud, careless and secure, and to forget thee the Lord our God, who hast wrought such mighty Works for us; but let this be the blessed Fruit of all thy gracious Dealings towards us, that we may turn from the Evil of our Ways, and live as a

People whom thou hast chosen, in so many remarkable Instances, to be the peculiar Care of thy Providence.

Make us truly sensible, O Lord, that it is thou, and thou only, that hast done these great Things for us; and, O let us never assume any Thing to ourselves; but from the Consideration of thy great Goodness towards us, walk humbly before thee; and so behave ourselves in our several Places and Stations, with that Love to thee, and Charity to one another, with that dutiful Subjection to his Majesty, with that Zeal for thy Honour and Glory, and with such a steadfast Perseverance in thy pure and undefiled Religion, that thou may'st rejoice over us to do us Good, and may'st continue to us, and our Posterity the Blessings we now enjoy, and add to them such other Mercies as thou in thy great Wisdom and Goodness seest needful for us, through the Merits and for the Sake of thy Son, and our alone Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer

A Prayer for a Person under Affliction.

 Most Gracious God! who dost not afflict willingly, nor grieve the Children of Men, I flee unto thee for Comfort and Support under the Troubles thou hast laid upon me: I know, assuredly, that this is thy Hand, and that thou, Lord, hast done it. I acknowledge thy Judgments are right, that thou of very Faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled, and that my Sins have deserved more grievous Punishments than I now suffer. I am fully convinced, that the Events of this Life are not left to Chance or Uncertainty, but are all under the steady and wise Disposal of thy good Providence.

To thee, therefore, O my God! do I direct my Supplications; beseeching thee, O gracious God, who hast a tender Love for all thy Creatures, and more especially for thy faithful Servants, who repose all their Hope and Confidence in thy Mercy, to have Pity upon me, and to deal with me not according to my Sins, but after thine own great Mercy. Pardon, O Lord,

all my past Sins, restore me to Peace and Favour with thee; consider my Weakness, and let not my Troubles be more heavy or lasting than what thou seest profitable and necessary for the good of my Soul.

Make me truly and deeply sensible of my Condition, that I may see the Rod, and who hath appointed it; that I may be truly sensible of the Evil of Sin, as well as feel the Smart of Punishment. Humble me under thy Corrections: Awaken me thereby to a more conscientious and zealous Performance of my Duty, to a Sense of my spiritual Wants, to a hatred of every Thing that is displeasing in thy Sight: And so sanctify my present Affliction, that by the Help of thy good Spirit, it may bring forth in me all the Graces and Virtues of a Christian Life, and accomplish the End for which it was sent.

Let the Experience of thy Love and Favour towards me, throughout the whole Course of my Life past, teach me to resign myself entirely to thee; to chuse thee for my only Support and Comfort: to rely stedfastly on all thy Promises; and to wait with Patience till thou shalt see fit to deliver me.

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Direct and enable me to use all proper and honest Means for freeing myself from my present Troubles: But however grievous they may prove, O let me not dare to do any Fraud or Injustice, or to cast off my Dependence on thee, by calling in the Assistance of any of the Powers of Darkness for my Relief.

And if, for Reasons best known to thine infinite Wisdom, thou shalt see fit to continue this Affliction to me, thy blessed Will be done: Enable me patiently to bear, and contentedly to submit to the Dispensations of thy good Providence, how contrary soever to Flesh and Blood.

Suppress in me all murmuring and repining thoughts: Remove from me all Inclinations and Aversions, but such as agree with those of the blessed Jesus; regulate my Affections and Desires, and confine them to such Objects only as are well pleasing in thy Sight. Thou know'st the surest Way of making me happy; thou art infinite in Wisdom, Loving-kindness, and Mercy, therefore let thy blessed Will, in every Thing, be my Choice and Satisfaction; I humbly submit to thy fatherly Discipline; for thou correctest in Mercy, and for my Profit.

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If, therefore, thou takest not away the thy Rod, yet take away thine Anger. Let me see a fatherly Affection in all thy Chastisements; and raise in my Soul an ardent Love and Desire after thee, which may fill me with an inward Satisfaction, with Peace of Conscience, and Joy in the Holy Ghost. Support and comfort me under all my Troubles; direct and counsel me in all Difficulties; carry me thro' all Trials and Temptations, and in thy good Time, take thy afflicting Hand from me. And grant, that these light Afflictions, which (in Comparison) are but for a Moment, may work for me an exceeding and eternal Weight of Glory. Hear me, O Lord, for thy Mercies Sake, and for the Sake of thy Son Jesus, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

A Prayer

A Prayer for a Person troubled in Mind.

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Blessed Lord, the Father of Mercies, and the God of all Comfort, look down, I humbly beseech thee, with Pity and Compassion upon a miserable Creature, under great Sorrow and Dejection of Mind.

I confess, O Lord, my Sins have deserved much more grievous Punishments than I feel; and should'st thou be extreme to mark what I have done amiss, I should not be able to abide it. I will, therefore, betake myself to the Throne of thy Grace, and plead before thee thy gracious Promises, and the wonderful Expressions of thy Love and Mercy.

I will come unto thee for Succour; for thou hast graciously invited all those that travail and are heavy laden. O pardon my Iniquities, that have provoked thy Wrath, and deliver me from the Sorrows and Miseries which I feel and fear.

Have

Have Mercy upon me, O God, for thou art my great Creator, and Almighty Preserver. O receive me, and relieve me, and revive me. Take Pity upon my sorrowful Soul; and destroy not thou the Works of thine own Hands. Shut not up thy tender Mercies in Displeasure, but make me hear of Joy and Gladness, and to be sensible that thou hast still the Bowels of a most tender Father.

I sue unto thee for Mercy, in the Name of my Saviour, the blessed Jesus, the great Mediator between God and Man. Regard that All-sufficient Sacrifice, Oblation, and Satisfaction, which he made for all Mankind; let it procure for me Pardon and Acceptance, who desire unfeignedly to turn to thee; let the Power of it prevail against all the Powers of Darkness; let the Wisdom of it make me wise unto Salvation; let the Peace of it reconcile me to thee, and bring to me Peace of Conscience, and Joy in the Holy Ghost.

II.

Especially, O my God, preserve me from all Distrust and Despondency of thy
Mercy,

Mercy, and all the sad Effects of it.—

(" Let no Temptations so far
" prevail with me as to put
" an End to my Days, but
" let me consider that I am
" thy Creature, and that
" thou only hast a Right to dispose of
" my Life, and that it is my Duty to
" submit to the greatest Troubles, when
" thou seest fit to lay them upon me.")

*This may be
added when a
Person is under
Temptations to
Self-murder.*

Give me a right Understanding of myself and my Condition; of thy Threats and Promises; that I may never cast away my Confidence in thee, nor place it any where but in thee; but make me to see and know that it is in great Mercy thou hast now laid thine Hand upon me! O let me truly humble myself under thine afflicting Hand; and let me rather feel thy Terrors than not feel my Sins, which must inevitably have plunged me in endless Misery, if thy wonderful Mercy had not awakened my Conscience, and given me a Sight of my Sins; and therefore, however severe this Affliction may at present seem to me, thy blessed Will be done! Bring me surely to thyself, by what Methods thou plearest; and teach thy Servant to be content.

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And, O Lord, if in thine infinite Wisdom thou shalt see fit not to grant a speedy Answer to my Prayers; yet let me not thereby be utterly cast down, as one without Hope; but make me to wait with Patience for thy good appointed Time, when thou wilt clear up my Doubts, and scatter my Fears, and remove my Sorrows, and make me know assuredly, that *it is good for me that I have been afflicted.* In the mean Time, O Lord, stand by me in all my Trials and Temptations; let not the Enemy of my Salvation prevail against me; but do thou comfort and assist me, and give me the Shield of Faith, whereby I may be able to quench all the fiery Darts of the Devil; that trusting in thee, and in thy Promises, I may at last be more than a Conqueror; looking unto Jesus, the great Captain of my Salvation, who was himself made perfect by Sufferings, and is now at the Right Hand of God, making continual Intercession for us.

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IV.

Have Mercy upon me, O blessed Jesu, thou compassionate Lover of Souls; I come unto thee, for thy Mercies are infinite, and far surpass not only mine, but the whole World's Offences; I will therefore hope in thy Name, in thy Merits, and in thy Intercession; thou art Almighty, and art able to relieve me; thou art all Goodness, and therefore willing to assist me. I confess, with Grief of Heart, that my Sins are many, and very great; but greater is thy Mercy to penitent Sinners. Great is the Malice of the Powers of Darkness, and great is my own Weakness; but much greater is thy Power and Goodness: Therefore when my Fears press hard upon me, I will hope in thy Mercy, and put my Trust and Confidence in thee. The holy Scriptures assure me, that thou art able to save unto the utmost all that come unto God by thee; and thou hast promised, that those who come unto thee, thou wilt by no Means cast out: Hear me, I beseech thee, O merciful Saviour, in this my distressed Condition;
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Speak Peace to my troubled Conscience; comfort and support me under all Dejections of Mind; give me Patience and Submission under thine afflicting Hand, and, if it be thy Will, a speedy and happy Deliverance from my present Misery; and say unto my Soul, I am thy Salvation.

V.

Have Mercy upon me, O blessed Spirit, God of Love, thou powerful Advocate, and sweetest Comforter: Infuse thy Grace into my Heart, and scatter there thy chearful Beams. Purify my Soul, and strike me through with the Darts of thy Love: Kindle such a holy Flame in my Breast, as may burn up all the Dross of sensual Affections, and may possess, and purify, and strengthen, my drooping Soul. Come, Holy Spirit, in much Mercy come, and make me fit to receive thee into my Heart; dispel those black irregular Thoughts and Apprehensions, which terrify and discompose my Mind; and be thou to me a kind Comforter, and mighty Defence, in all my Wants and Distresses, and my ready Helper in this Time of Need.

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To him, therefore, who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the Presence of his Glory, with exceeding Joy; to the only wise God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion, and Power, and may'st thou receive from me, from Men and Angels, continual Praise and Thanksgiving, Obedience, Love, and Adoration, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



A Prayer for a Person under Scruples of Conscience, or under Fears and Doubts of his Spiritual Condition.

I.

✠✠✠ Most blessed and gracious God,
 ✠ O ✠ who only can'st heal a wounded
 ✠✠✠ Spirit, and quiet a troubled
 Mind; look with Pity on thy
 Servant, oppressed with a Load of Misery.
 Unto thee do I cry for Help! O thou
 great Physician of Soul and Body, uphold
 and comfort my weak and dejected Spirit,
 I strengthen

strengthen it against all inordinate vain Fears and Terrors, and deliver me from all unprofitable Troubles of Mind, and causeless Scruples of Conscience.

Thou alone canst relieve me; grant, therefore, merciful Lord, to me thy Servant, Pardon and Peace; and that I may be cleansed from all my Sins, and serve thee with a quiet Mind, and glorify thy Goodness with a thankful and chearful Heart all my Days.

II.

I take little Delight in any Thing I do, no not in my spiritual Exercises, which once were, and still should be, most delightful to me. Easy Things are become difficult, and difficult Things seem almost impossible to me; and I am full of Fears, Jealousies, and Suspicions; but most of all am I apt to fear in this sad Condition, that I have lost thy Favour. I am greatly indisposed for my own Business, loth to do any Thing, and find a great Backwardness even in praying unto thee, O Lord, my Strength, and my Redeemer.

Direct me to proper Means for the Removal of my Doubts and Scruples, and let me hearken to the wise Counsels and Advice

Advice of a prudent spiritual Guide, and such other Persons as I shall consult with, and make me always willing and ready to follow wise Instructions; and suffer me not to be led away by the Delusions of the Devil, or my own foolish and perverse Will.

O Lord, hear this Prayer, which in Anguish of Spirit I make unto thee, for Jesus Christ his Sake. *Amen.*

III.

O thou blessed Jesus, who wast made Man, and in our Nature tookest our Infirmities, Sin only excepted, and wast a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with Grief, and once, in Anguish of Spirit upon the Cross, criedst out to thy Father and our Father, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* O thou most merciful, faithful, and unchangeable High-Priest, I beseech thee, by thy infinite Compassion, to look down from Heaven with an Eye of Pity upon me, who am a miserable Object of thy Pity, being sore let and hindered in the Course of my Christian Duties, by unaccountable Sadness and Dejection of Spirit. Thou knowest, O Lord, how often, and how exceedingly
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my Soul is troubled, and cast down; thou seest how much it is disquieted within me, and how grievous it is to me to be thus oppressed; and how uneasy my present State is.

I beseech thee, O blessed Saviour, hear my Complaint, and take away this Plague from me. It is with this most earnest Petition, that I now come before the Throne of thy Mercy. Remove this Distemper, I beseech thee, whether it be in my Body, or in my Soul, or in both: O speak the Word, and I shall be whole. I ask this in Submission to thy Will and Pleasure. If it is sent to me to punish me for my past Sins, or restrain me from Sins to come, or to make me humble, or exercise my Patience and my Trust in thee; not my Will, but thine be done. Make me content to bear it, though it be a very sore Affliction; if thou shalt think fit to continue it, support me under it with the Assistance of thy Holy Spirit. But if I am fit for so great a Mercy, O let this Torment of Soul depart from me; that being restored to an easy, free, chearful, and active Frame of Spirit, I may serve thee with more Delight and Vigour in all the Duties of my heavenly Calling.

Blessed

Blessed Jesus, my Saviour and Redeemer,
let my Complaint come before thee.

Amen, Amen.



A Prayer for a Person in a State of Poverty.

My God, infinite in Goodness,
Power, and Wisdom! on thee all
Things depend; and thy Pro-
vidence over-ruleth all Events:
Riches and Plenty come from thee; and
Poverty and Want are by thy Dispen-
sation. I believe that for just and wise
Reasons, thou hast allotted to Mankind
very different States and Circumstances
of Life; and that thy good Providence
hath designed my Benefit and Advantage
in all the Temporal Evils, which have at
any Time happened unto me.

I confess, O Lord, my Sins have deserved much more severe Afflictions; and that thou art kind and merciful in all thy Dealings with me. Thou hast thought fit to place me in a mean Condition, to

deprive me of many Conveniencies of Life, and to exercise me in a State of Poverty: But thou hast hitherto preserved and supported me by thy good Providence, and hast blessed

** Here let the Person recollect the Blessings he enjoys, as the invaluable Mercy of Health, the Assistance of Friends, Liberty, &c.*

me with Advantages * above some others who labour under great Trials and Afflictions.

And above all, I enjoy the Light of thy glorious Gospel, and the Means of Grace, when many of my Fellow-Christians are debarred of these most valuable Comforts, and lie groaning under Persecutions, Misery, and Torments. I consider, with humble Acknowledgement and Thankfulness, that I am still alive, and have the Opportunity of Working out my Salvation; whereas many poor Souls are given up to the just Punishment of Sin, groaning out a sad Eternity under inexpressible Pains, and unconceivable Miseries. These, O Lord, are very great Mercies towards me, and must silence my Complaints if thou should'st see fit to try me with greater Difficulties than what thou hast hitherto laid upon me.

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But, O merciful Father, who hast commanded and invited us to lay our Wants and Necessities before thee, help and relieve me, I beseech thee, under my present Circumstances; and if thou seest fit, bless me with such a Portion of the Comforts and Conveniencies of Life, that thereby I may be enabled to go on more chearfully in my Station, to serve thee better, to love thee more and more, and more admire thy wonderful Bounty and Loving-kindness towards me. Give me Health and Strength, and Abilities suited to my Circumstances; direct me in the Use of honest Means, whereby I may obtain (*for myself and Family*) a comfortable Subsistence; and do thou succeed and prosper my honest Labours and Endeavours.

But, O Lord, if in this I know not what I ask; if greater Plenty, and the Comforts that attend it, are not convenient, but would prove Snares and Temptations to me, thy blessed Will be done: Support me, that I fall not into extreme Want, lay not more upon me than thou shalt enable me to bear.

Supply the Want of wordly Blessings, by the Comfort and Support of thy good Spirit,

Spirit, whereby I may be made perfect in every good Work to do thy Will; that I may become rich in Faith, and an Heir of that Kingdom which thou hast promised to those that love thee: Make me devout, holy, and heavenly-minded; and so purify and cleanse my Heart, that it may become an Habitation for thy Holy Spirit.

Enable me, likewise, O Lord, to exercise all those Christian Graces and Duties which my present Circumstances call for from me: Let the Sharpness of temporal Wants put me upon considering what Misery must attend the Loss of my Soul: Let a Sense of my Poverty stir up eager Desires after the true Riches; and the less I have of this World, the more careful let me be to provide for the next that I may seek an inheritance incorruptable, and that fadeth not away: Let bodily Hardships convince me of the great Evil of spiritual Wants, that I may hunger and thirst after Righteousness. Give me Diligence and Industry in my Calling; and when I have done my Endeavour, make me to cast all my Care upon thee, and trust to thy fatherly Goodness to provide for me. Let not the Con-

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tempt which some persons wrongfully cast upon Poverty, or any Evil which I may endure, tempt me to any dishonest Ways of getting; but let me choose rather to be poor than wicked, and to want any Thing rather than thy Favour. Clothe me with a meek, and quiet, and humble Spirit, which in thy Sight is of great Price: Give me a thorough Contentedness in my present Circumstances; let me not dare to repine at my own Condition; or envy the Prosperity of others; but teach me to possess my Soul in Patience: That I may acknowledge thy Right and Sovereignty over me, that thou art just, and wise, and merciful in all thy Dispensations. Convince me of thy fatherly Love, and enable me cheerfully to resign myself to thy all-wise Providence.

Teach me to look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our Faith; who to reconcile us to a State of Poverty, chose to be born, and to live in a mean Condition, enduring Hunger, and Thirst, and Cold, and not having where to lay his Head: That by his Example I may be encouraged to sit loose to the World, and wean my Affections from Temporal Objects;

jects; that being convinced of the Vanity and Emptiness of this World, I may more and more delight myself in thy Love, and in the Practice of true Religion.

And do thou, O God, quicken and enlarge my Desires after spiritual Happiness, and those Pleasures which are at thy right Hand for evermore; that through Faith and Patience, having finished the Race which thou hast set before me, I may be received into the Joy of my Lord. Grant this, O merciful Father, for the Sake of my Redeemer, the ever-blessed Jesus. *Amen.*



A Prayer

A Prayer for a meek and quiet Spirit.

✠✠✠✠ Blessed Lord God, thou most
✠ O ✠ compassionate Lover of Souls;
✠✠✠✠ look with thy tenderest Pity
upon me, a weak and frail Creature; who am encompassed about with many and great Infirmities; my Nature is corrupt, my Passions are strong and violent, and so prone am I to Peevishness and Anger, that almost every slight Provocation disorders my Mind, and makes me froward and impatient, and many Times (alas! with Sorrow I confess it) I have been hurried away into foolish and unreasonable Passions.

O Lord, I lament and bewail this wretched Corruption of my Nature, humbly beseeching thee, for the Sake and Merits of my blessed Saviour, to pardon and forgive all that Sin and Folly that it has betrayed me to; and I beg of thee, O merciful Father, to give me a meek and quiet Spirit, a patient and forgiving Temper, an humble, charitable, and Christian Disposition; that my Mind may at all Times be quiet and easy, my

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Carriage gentle, kind, and obliging to all Men, and the whole Conduct and Deportment of my Life, such as becomes the Servant of the meek and blessed Jesus.

Convince me, truly, O Lord, of the great Folly of Passion and Anger; how contrary it is to the Spirit of thy most holy Religion, which commands us to put away all Bitterness, and Wrath, and Anger; what an Enemy it is to our present Happiness, and how much it unfits us for the Duties which we owe to thee, our Neighbour, and ourselves.

Let the Example of my blessed Saviour be powerfully present to my Mind, and inspire me with an humble, charitable, and forgiving Temper. Let me consider, with what Meekness and Patience he endured the Contradictions of Sinners, and the Insults and Reproaches of wicked and unreasonable Men; that, like him, I may be meek and lowly in Heart, and find that Rest unto my Soul which he has promised to those that will be taught of him.

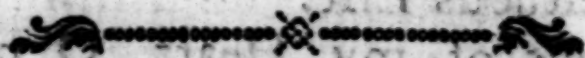
O my God, it is my sincere Desire, and it shall be the hearty Endeavour of my Life, to be free from the Bondage and Dominion of Sin; but alas! I am a weak and feeble Creature; I find a Law in my
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Members warring against the Law of my Mind, which, without the Assistance of thy Holy Spirit, will bring me into Captivity to the Law of Sin: O let the mighty Power of thy Grace strengthen my feeble Wishes and Endeavours, and enable me to conquer my most inveterate Habits: Let the sweet and gentle Influences of thy blessed Spirit calm the Passions, and compose the Storms and Disorders of my Soul; and O do thou save me from the Dangers of this troublesome and tempestuous Life.

Root out of my Heart, O merciful God, all Pride and Vanity, all Malice, Hatred, and Ill-will, and give me a low and humble Opinion of myself, that the Sense of my own Unworthiness, and of the many Offences which I have been guilty of towards thee, may move me to pity the Weaknesses and Infirmities of others, and to forgive the greatest Injuries and Provocations which I shall meet with; remembering how much more I stand in need of Pity and Forgiveness at thy Hand.

Take away from me, O Lord, the Spirit of this World, and fill me with that Spirit of Love and Charity, that suffereth

long, and is kind; that beareth all Things, and is not easily provoked; that being full of that Peace of God, which passeth all Understanding, I may live with Comfort, and die with Joy, and may hereafter dwell in those peaceful Regions of everlasting Bliss, where thou, O blessed Jesus, who art the Prince of Peace, livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, World without End.
Amen.



A Prayer to be used in Time of Temptation.

✠ ✠ ✠ God, our Refuge and Strength,
✠ O ✠ who art a present Help in Time
✠ ✠ ✠ of Need, I fly unto thee for Succour against the Face of my Enemy, who has now lift up his Hand against me: His Strength is mighty, and his Malice great; and I, alas! weak and unable to withstand his Assaults: But, O thou, who art greater than all Things, send down thy Help from above, and rescue me out of the Jaws of the devouring Lion; save me, and deliver me from
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the Temptations I am now under. In thee, O Lord, have I put my Trust, O let me never be put to Confusion; and however thou may'st think fit to make Trial of my Love and Obedience, yet suffer me not, I beseech thee, to be tempted above what I am able to bear; but make me a Way to escape, that I may not sin against thee.

Lord, I have no Strength of my own, but all my Hope, and all my Dependence, is in thy Almighty Power and Goodness; thou art the Rock of Ages, and the Help of all that put their Trust in thee: I know thy Grace is sufficient for me; O deny it not then to thy Servant, who now needs it, and most earnestly desires it; and though I am not worthy of the least of all thy Mercies, yet, O merciful Father, have Compassion on me, and help me, that I may not be vanquished in this Time of Trial and Temptation.

To this End, O Lord, make me seriously to consider the great Folly and Danger of Sin; that all its Pleasures are short and momentary, but its Punishment endless and intolerable; that no Satisfaction can compare with the joys of a
good

good Conscience, nor any Trouble like that of a wounded Spirit: Convince me powerfully, O my God, how terrible a Thing it is to fall under thy Displeasure; that what I am now tempted to is hateful in thy Sight, a direct Contradiction to thy Will, a Breach of my Baptismal Engagements; and how pleasant soever it may now appear, yet that there will come a Time, when this, and all other the Allurements of this World will appear vain and contemptible; a Time when all Workers of Iniquity shall perish; when they shall call upon the Mountains and Rocks to fall on them, and to hide them from the Face of him that sitteth on the Throne, and from the Wrath of the Lamb; and when a Crown of Righteousness shall be given to them, who have fought the good Fight, and kept the Faith.

O let me be so fully persuaded of the Truth of these Things, that I may turn away my ears from the deceitful Tempter, and resolve to have no Fellowship with the unfruitful Works of Darkness; let me resist the first Motions of Sin in my Mind, and fly from the Company and Conversation of those that would seduce me

me to Evil, and betake myself to those Means which Reason and Religion, and the Dictates of thy Holy Spirit, shall instruct me, are proper to subdue the Temptations I am now under: And, Oh! let the mighty Power of thy Grace animate my Courage, and strengthen my Faith, that nothing may stop me in my Christian Warfare; but that fighting manfully under Christ's Banner, against the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, I may at last triumph with him in his heavenly Kingdom, where there shall be no more Conflict with Sin, but I shall love and praise thee throughout all Ages.

Amen.

A Prayer.

A Prayer for a Person under Doubts of the Lawfulness of any Action.

我主上帝，你乃是光，
 在你里面没有黑暗；
 你是愚昧人的
 教师，是那些
 在黑暗和错误中
 的人的智慧和知识
 的源泉，和真理；
 我渴望超过一切
 使你喜悦，并做你的
 旨意；并且它是
 我的烦恼和悲伤，
 因为我常常与你
 相反；
 但愿我永不
 再这样做，但愿我
 永不转离黑暗的
 罪恶和愚昧的路！
 噢，赐给我一
 个智慧和理解的心
 灵，使我认识我的
 责任，并有一个
 完全决心去实践的
 心。

More particularly, O Lord, I address
 myself to thee at this Time, to enlighten
 my Understanding, and inform my un-
 settled Judgment, how to determine safely
 in the Matter, which at present I know
 not how to act in. Shew thou me the
 Way that I should walk in, and leave me
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not to the Weakness of my own Reasoning, which, without thy enlightening Grace will lead me into the Ways of Error and Confusion.

Give me, O Lord, I beseech thee, such an honest and upright Heart, that nothing in the World may be ever able to seduce me from my integrity. Let not the Example of a Multitude persuade me to do Evil, nor the most powerful Allurements of Riches, Honour, or any other worldly Advantage, turn me aside from thy Commandments; but convince me more and more, how little it will profit me to gain the whole World, and lose my own Soul; that being possessed with an awful Fear of thy Displeasure, I may never dare to do any Thing but what thou approvest, and of which I may be able to give a comfortable Account at the great Day of the Lord Jesus.

Direct me, O my God, to those Means which will inform my Understanding, and satisfy my Doubts; and if it should be my Misfortune, after all my Enquiries, to fall into any unwilling Error and Mistake, O Lord, lay it not to my Charge, nor let it ever provoke thy Anger against me.

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But, O Lord, if it is thy good Pleasure, that I should still remain under Doubts, give me Grace, I beseech thee, to submit to thy Will, and to wait with Patience, till thou seest fit to instruct me better; and whatever Advantages, as to this World, I may lose by it, yet let me still retain my Innocence, and have the Comfort and Support of a good Conscience. Suffer me not to be so regardless of my eternal Interest, as for the Sake of any temporal Advantage, to forfeit thy Favour, which is better than all the Enjoyments of this World.

O Lord, I leave myself in thy Hands; and I most humbly beseech thee, to carry me through this and all other Difficulties, and bring me to that blessed Place of Rest and Peace, where I shall be out of all Temptation, and Danger of offending thee, and where I shall love and praise thee throughout all Ages.

Grant this, O merciful Father, for the Sake, and through the Merits of my dear Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Thankf-

*A Thanksgiving for Deliverance from any
Trouble or Affliction, either in Body or
Mind.*

My God, infinite in Goodness;
O I thy unworthy Servant, who
have so deeply tasted of thy fa-
therly Love, desire, with a grate-
ful Heart, to speak of thy Bounty and
Loving kindness towards me. I adore,
and bless, and praise thy holy Name, for
all thy Mercies both spiritual and tem-
poral, from time to time bestowed upon
me; particularly, O Lord, I admire thy
Goodness for delivering me
from [*those bodily Afflictions,* *This is to be*
Troubles of Mind, or State of *altered according*
Poverty, &c.] wherewith I *to the particular*
have lately been exercised. Thou, O
Lord, hast perfected thy Strength in my
Weakness: Thou hast graciously heard
my Prayer; thou hast considered my
Trouble, and known my Soul in Adver-
sity: Therefore will I praise the Lord so
long as I live; so long as I have any
Being, I will give Thanks unto my God.
And

And I beseech thee, O my God, let the due Remembrance of thy Mercies so thoroughly affect my Soul, that I may be ashamed as well as afraid to offend thee; that the Remainder of my Life may be dedicated to the Service of my God, who hath dealt so bountifully with me. Make me to place my chiefest Joy and Satisfaction in running the Ways of thy Commandments, now thou hast set my Heart at Liberty.

And, O Lord, I beseech thee to pity and relieve all those who now labour under the like Difficulties, from which thou hast graciously delivered thy Servant, or any other Adversity. Give them Patience and Comfort under their Afflictions, and such a reasonable Trust and Confidence in thee, as may be well pleasing in thy Sight, that they may not be ashamed of their Hopes; and in thy good Time deliver them from all their Troubles: And let thy Goodness excite me to help such as I know in any Difficulty, according as I am able; that we may all praise thy holy Name, and speak of all thy marvelous Loving-kindnesses, and glorify thee by walking before thee in Holiness and Righteousness all our Days;
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that at last we may be admitted to the Glory of thy Kingdom, through the Merits and Mediation of our Saviour, to sing Praises and Hallelujahs to thee, and to the Lamb, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



A Prayer upon any Festival that relates to our Saviour.

I.

Most gracious God, I acknowledge with all Joy and Thankfulness, thy great Goodness manifested to the Children of Men in the wonderful Work of our Redemption. I adore thy infinite Love and Compassion which took Pity upon us, when we had lost and ruined ourselves, and didst send thy only begotten Son into the World, that we might live through him. This Day, O Lord, gives me a happy Opportunity of remembering thy special and extraordinary Kindness to thy unworthy Creatures, which calls for my highest

highest and exalted Praises, to be joined with those of the blessed Company above, who are never weary of giving Honour, Glory, Blessing, and Thanksgiving to thee, not only in their own Behalf, but even for thy wonderful Goodness to the Children of Men. Praise the Lord, therefore, O my Soul, and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

Impress, O Lord, upon my Mind, such a Sense of what my dearest Saviour has done for me, that I may celebrate all the Mysteries of my Redemption, especially that which thy Church this Day suggests to my Remembrance, with profound Humility, with exalted Thoughts of thine ineffable Goodness, and with most thankful Acknowledgments of thy great Love demonstrated to the Sons of Men; that my Heart and Life being truly affected and influenced by the Power of them in this World, I may, through thine infinite Mercy, receive the eternal Benefit of them in the World to come, where thou, O Lord, livest and reignest with the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one God, World without End. *Amen.*

II. Blessed

II.

Blessed Jesus, I adore with all Humility
thine infinite Condescension in being
made Man, in quitting the Mansions of
Glory, to take upon thee the Form of a
Servant, and in submitting to the lowest
Condition of human Life, in order to re-
lieve our Misery, and to guide us in the
Way to everlasting Life; grant that I
may chearfully submit to the meanest
Offices for the Good and Benefit of my
Fellow-christians, and that I may be con-
tent, and resigned under all the most af-
flicting Circumstances of Life, which the
wise Providence of God shall think fit to
lay upon me.

Blessed be thy Goodness, O my Savi-
our, in suffering thyself to be circumcis-
ed, and in being obedient to the Law for
Man, whereby, in order to fulfil the
Will of God, thou didst take upon thee
the Form of a Servant. Grant me the
true Circumcision of the Spirit, that my
Heart, and all my Members being mortifi-
ed from all wordly and carnal Lusts, I
may in all Things obey thy blessed Will,
and after thy Example, be ready to sacrifice
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my Reputation rather than neglect my Duty.

Adorned be thy Mercy, O blessed Jesus, in communicating the glad Tidings of thine Appearance in the World to the People of *Israel*, by the Ministration of Angels; and in revealing the joyful News to the *Gentiles* by a bright and unusual Star, that the harmonious Sound of the Gospel has reached this Land of my Nativity! Oh! may I always value such an inestimable Benefit, by walking as a Child of the Light, and by compassionating and relieving, to the utmost of my Power, the Miseries of those that still sit in Darkness.

How can I sufficiently praise thee, O blessed Jesus, for thy glorious Resurrection, whereby thou hast made known the Power of thy Divinity, and proved thyself to be the true *Messias*? Grant that the Victory over the Grave may strengthen me against the Fear of Death, that I may look upon it as a Deliverance from Sin and Sorrow, and as a Passage to a happy Eternity; and that the infinite Value of thy Sufferings may support me under the Sense of those many Follies which I heartily repent of.

I rejoice,

I rejoice, O blessed Jesus, in thy triumphant Ascension, when thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all Believers, and didst sit down at the right Hand of thy Father, adored by Angels, and interceding for Sinners. Oh! wean my Mind from the Vanities of this World, and place my Affections entirely on Things above; that I may spend the remaining Part of my Life to secure an eternal Inheritance. *Amen.*

A Prayer on any Saint's Day.

✠✠✠ Lord, God, precious in thy Sight
✠ O ✠ is the Death of thy Saints and
✠✠✠ Martyrs, because they have had
the great Happiness to give thee
the utmost Testimony of their unfeigned
Love and Affection. Precious to them-
selves, O Lord, is the Death of thy
Saints; because, as they have been Par-
takers of Christ's Sufferings, so when his
Glory

Glory shall appear, they shall be made glad with exceeding Joy. Let their Death be always precious, O Lord, in thy Sight; because their Example has convinced me of the Possibility of serving thee under the greatest Difficulties, and animates my Endeavours with the Prospect of their happy Success.

I bless and praise thy holy Name, for all the Apostles, Saints, and Martyrs, departed this Life in thy Faith and Fear. I congratulate their Victories over the World, who overcame themselves, and led in triumph their own Passions. I commemorate with all Thankfulness their heroic Piety, who served the Lord in Hunger and Thirst, in Prison and Chains, on Racks and in Torture, and who undauntedly encountered Death armed with the greatest Terror. Let that mighty Grace, O Lord, which enabled them to conquer all Opposition, support and animate thy Servant, who is surrounded with the same Temptations, and exposed to the same unruly Passions. Let their Examples teach me to be humble and meek, and to submit all my Desires to the Will of God; to govern my Senses by Reason, and my Reason by the Dictates
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of Revelation; to hold fast thy true Religion and Worship, and never to live unworthy thereof; to take up the Cross, and to resist unto Blood, striving against Sin. Let their mortified Lives raise me above the Pleasures of Sense; and let the Pattern of their Piety and Devotion, of their Purity and Charity, of their patient Suffering, and Perseverance unto the End, be always so lively imprinted upon my Mind, that I may transcribe their Example in my Life and Conversation, and thereby inherit those Promises they are now made Partakers of, through the Merits of Jesus Christ my only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*



A Prayer at our first Entrance into the Church.

W^{ORD}, I am now in thy House;
 L^{ASSIST}, I pray thee, and accept
 of my Services. Enable me, and
 all who shall this Day meet in
 thy Name, to worship thee in Spirit and
 in Truth. Let thy Holy Spirit help our
 Infirmities, and dispose our Hearts to Se-
 riousness,

riousness, Attention, and Devotion; and grant that we may improve this Opportunity, to the Honour of thy holy Name, and the Benefit of our Souls, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*



A Prayer at Church after the Service is ended.

Blessed be thy Name, O Lord,
for thy Opportunity of attending thee in thy House and Service.

Grant that I, and all that profess thy Name, may be Doers of thy Word and not Hearers only: Pardon our Wanderings and Imperfections, and accept both us and our Services, through our only Mediator Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer

A Prayer for Chastity.

GREAT and glorious Lord God !
 Thou art a Being of infinite Ho-
 linefs, and unspotted Purity, and
 haft declared thy Hatred and Abhorrence
 of all Impurity and Uncleannefs. I pre-
 fent myfelf before thee at this Time, be-
 feecking thee to give me a Heart full of
 Sorrow and Concern, for that the Tem-
 per and Disposition of my Mind is fo op-
 pofite and contrary to thee, and that I am
 fo far from that Purity and Holinefs
 which thou requireft, and which is neces-
 fary to make me meet to relifh and partake
 of the Joys and Delights of thy Kingdom.

[“ I come unto thee to beg *This is to be*
 “ Relief and Affiftance from *used by fuch*
 “ thee, and to befeech thee, *whose Cafe re-*
 “ for the Sake of thy dear Son, to par- *quires it.*
 “ don and forgive all the impure and
 “ wicked Thoughts, Defires, and Pur-
 “ pofes, which I have ever entertained in
 “ my Mind, and all the immodest and
 “ unchafe Behaviour and Actions of my
 X 2 “ Life.

“ Life. And, O merciful God, I likewise
“ implore Pardon and Forgiveness for all
“ who have tempted me, or have been
“ tempted by me, or have been Partakers
“ with me in any kind of Impurity. Re-
“ scue them from the Power and Dominion
“ of their Lusts, and grant that they may
“ be converted unto thee.”]

O be thou pleased to purge and cleanse
my Soul from all Filthiness of Flesh and
Spirit, and grant that my Body may be a
holy Temple, fit for thy Holy Spirit to
dwell in.

To this End, do thou enable me to mor-
tify and subdue all fleshly Lusts, which
war against the Soul, which wound the
Conscience, grieve the Holy Spirit, and
render the Mind unfit for the Performance
of Holy Duties.

Create in me, O God, a clean Heart,
and renew a right Spirit within me. Put
thy Fear into my Heart, and cause in my
Soul a stedfast Resolution against, and De-
testation of all Uncleaness. Let me ever
remember, that thou art every where pre-
sent, and that all Things, how secret so-
ever they may be kept from Men, are
naked and open to the Eyes of him with
whom we have to do. Let me ever re-
member

member that thy holy Word declares, that Whoremongers and Adulterers shall be judged and condemned by thee, and that no unclean Person shall enter into thy Kingdom, and that for the Sake of these Things the Wrath of God cometh upon the Children of Disobedience.

And that I may obtain the Grace of Chastity, make me, O God, careful and diligent in the Use of those Means that are necessary to this End. I know, O Lord, that Purity is thy Gift; but I know likewise, that thou wilt not bestow it on such as be slothful and negligent, and will not use the Means which thou hast appointed for the Attainment of it. Let me be diligent and industrious in the Place and Station, wherein thy Providence has set me, considering that Idleness is the Occasion of Impurity. Teach me to keep a strict Guard over my Senses, to refrain from all evil and corrupt Communication; and grant that my Speech may be such, as may minister to the Edification of those with whom I converse. Teach me to be sober in my Attire, moderate in my Diet, temperate in the Use of all Things, prudent in the Choice of my Company, disposed to practise the necessary Duties of Mortification

fication and Self-Denial, watchful over my own Heart, stifling and suppressing the very first Motions to Impurity.

Let me abstain from seeing all such Sights, and refrain from reading all such Books, as are apt to excite in me any Looseness or Levity of Spirit; and let me be constant and diligent in reading and meditating on the Holy Scriptures, which are apt to cleanse the Heart, and to excite pious Affections in my Soul.

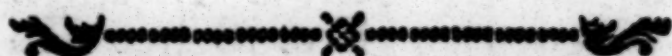
Make me mindful of the Dignity and Holiness of my Profession, and to remember, that if any one defile the Temple of God, him will God destroy.

Give me a just Esteem and Value for the honourable Estate of Marriage, which thou hast ordained as a Remedy against Fornication; and grant that (when I enter into it) I may never abuse it, by allowing myself such Liberties as are inconsistent with the Purity of the Christian Religion.

Grant that my Soul and Body may be preserved pure and undefiled, that glorifying thee in my Body, and in my Spirit now, I may hereafter be glorified by thee.

Give me a firm Faith in thy Power for the subduing all Impurity, and whatever
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is contrary to thy blessed Will, in my Soul. Let no Discouragements keep me from presenting frequent and fervent Petitions to thee for this excellent and necessary Gift, in the Name of our great Mediator Jesus Christ, to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all Honour and Glory, Thanksgiving and Praise, now and for ever. *Amen.*



*A Prayer for Submission to the Will of God,
and for Contentment.*

I.

✠✠✠✠ Almighty and All-wise God, the
✠ O ✠ Creator, Disposer, and Gover-
✠✠✠✠ nor of all Things; from thee
I have my Being, and of thy
Fulness I have all that I possess and enjoy.
O God, grant that I may always adore
and reverence thee as the supreme Ob-
ject of my Love, my Fear, my Hope,
and my Trust; and that I may render
thee all those religious and devout Affec-
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tions, which are due to thee my Maker and Sovereign Lord.

II.

Whatever thou pleasest, that dost thou in Heaven and in Earth; from thee cometh every good and perfect Gift, neither is there any Evil that cometh, that thou hast not appointed; thou makest poor, and makest rich; thou bringest low, and liftest up; grant therefore, I may reverence and acknowledge thy Providence in every Thing that befalls me, and from thence adore thy Goodness, and acknowledge thy Justice, and pay all humble Submission to thy Sovereign Will and Pleasure, out of a firm Persuasion of thy infinite Wisdom and Goodness.

III.

O God, who in thy Wisdom hast ordained the several Orders and Degrees, the several different States and Conditions of Men in this World; grant me full Contentment of Mind in that State thou hast been pleased to place me, and Humility to acquiesce in thy Disposal of me, and Grace carefully and faithfully to discharge

charge those Duties it requires of me. Grant me Patience under Losses and Disappointments, and remove all repining and Envy far from me.

IV.

O God, I am thy Creature; my entire Dependence is on thee; grant that therefore my Faith, my Hope, and my Trust may always be in thee, and that my Hope and my Trust may not be in vain; grant I may always fear and obey thee, for then thou hast promised thou wilt never leave me nor forsake me. I will therefore take no anxious Thought for my Life, what I shall eat, or what I shall drink, or wherewith I shall be clothed (as a Gentile that knows thee not) seeing thou knowest I have need of all these Things, and that if I seek thy Righteousness, all these Things shall be added unto me, out of thy great Bounty and Fulness. Nor will I be dismayed at any Calamity thou in thy wise Providence shalt order for me, seeing all Things shall work together for Good to them that love and fear thee.

V.

Take from me all Sorrow, that the Love of wordly Things may at any Time raise in me, from my unsuccessful Hopes and Designs in this World, or from any Evils or Calamities of this Life. Let me not hereafter wish for Prosperity, for Health, or Life; but with the Prospect of spending them in thee, with thee, and for thy Glory. I pray not that thou would'st give me either Prosperity or Adversity, Health or Sicknefs, Life or Death; but that thou would'st dispose my Prosperity and my Adversity, my Health, my Sicknefs, my Life, and my Death, for thy Glory, and for my own eternal Welfare. Thou alone knowest what is most expedient for me; thou art my Sovereign Master and Lord, guide and govern me at thy Pleasure; give me, or take from me, as seemeth best to thy Providence, and in all Things conform my Will to thine. And grant that with an humble Submission and holy Confidence, I may equally reverence and adore the most different Events which thou shalt accomplish in me.

VI. O God,

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O God, grant that I may with a constant Evenness of Spirit embrace all thy Disposals, forasmuch as I know not what to ask, and cannot desire absolutely one Event rather than another, without Presumption, and without making myself the Judge of all that Train of future Things which thy Wisdom has so justly concealed from my View. I know, O Lord, my whole Knowledge may be reduced to this one Point; That it is Good to obey thee, and Evil to offend thee. After this, I know not what is best or worst amongst all Things. I know not what is more profitable for me, Health or Sicknes, Riches or Poverty, any Condition, any Circumstances of this World; such a Judgment surpasseth the Force and Sagacity of Man, and lies hid amongst the Secrets of thy good Providence; which I will reverence and adore, and humbly submit to, but will never attempt to trace, or penetrate into, or dispute and murmur against. Finally, O my God, I commit my Life, and the dearest Concerns that attend it, to thy Disposal, in

the Name of Jesus Christ my Saviour, beseeching thee, for his Sake, by such Ways and Means as thou seest fit, to bring me to Life Eternal. *Amen.*



A Prayer for an holy and happy Death.

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ Eternal and holy Jesus; who
✠ O ✠ by thy Death hast overcome
✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ Death, and by thy Passion hast
taken out its Sting, and made
it an Entrance into everlasting Life; Help
me so to order my Conversation in the
World, so to govern my Spirit, and to
lead my Life, that I may die with Com-
fort and Safety. Let not my Death be in
any Sense unprovided, nor untimely.

Grant that in the Time of my Sicknes
I may not be left without the Assistance
of a spiritual Guide, nor be destitute of
the Comfort of Receiving the blessed Sa-
crament.

Let me finish my Course with Patience,
and Resignation of my own Will and De-
sires with a firm Faith, and a well-ground-
ed Hope, with a true and sincere Repent-
ance,

ance, and great Degrees of Love towards thee my God, and Charity to all the World: And whenever it shall please thee to call me out of this vain and wicked World, grant that I may die the Death of the Righteous; having first discharged all my Obligations of Justice, leaving none miserable and unprovided at my Departure.

And when the appointed Time of my Change comes, grant, O Lord, that I may receive it not as a Curse, but a Deliverance, as a Rest from all my Labours, without Trouble and without Sin. O remember not against me my manifold Follies; but let them all be done away by thy Mercy, and my blessed Saviour's Merits.

Support me, O good God, in my last Agonies, and as my Strength decays, let my Pains wear off; and when my Strength fails, let not my Faith fail; even in Death enable me to trust in thee.

Deliver me from all violent Disorders of a troubled Fancy, and defend me against all Delusions of my Ghostly Enemy; O let him not to disturb or terrify me, or any way able to prevail against me. And when my Death approaches, give thy Holy Angels Charge to stand about me,
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to guard and receive my poor Soul at my Departure, and to conduct and carry it to the blessed Regions of Rest and Peace, there to wait for thy Coming, and then to partake of the Glories of thy Kingdom, O Eternal and Holy Jesus. *Amen.*



A devout Prayer that may be used at any Time.

My God! infinite in Goodness;
 O and boundless in Mercy to all
 who love and obey thee; grant
 me Grace, I beseech thee, to
 love thee with all my Heart, with all my
 Soul, and with all my Strength, and for
 thy Sake to love all Men as myself: Give
 me a charitable Opinion of them all, whe-
 ther Friends or Enemies; suffer me not
 rashly to judge or condemn any Person, of
 what State or Condition soever; and if it
 be my own Lot to be despised and reject-
 ed by others, teach me therewith to be
 content.

Grant that I may never study to please
 Men in any Thing, whereby I may be in
 Danger

Danger of displeasing thee; and that it may be always my chief and only Desire, to promote thy Honour, and to fulfil in all Things thy most holy Will.

Give me Grace, O heavenly Father, to be entirely submissive and contented under all the Afflictions, Disappointments, and Sufferings, which it is thy Pleasure I should endure, and which thy Wisdom shall judge proper and useful to advance me towards thee. And grant that by every Tribulation and Adversity which may befall me, whether directly from thy Hand, or from Men, as thy Instruments, I may be weaned from the World, and more closely united to thee.

O heavenly Father, I beseech thee, by the Merits and Death of thy Son, to give me Grace, to have thee always before my Eyes; and with an holy Fear seriously to consider the Hour of my Death, which is so uncertain; the Shortness of my Life, of which, alas! I have so unprofitably, for Trifles, already lost so great a Part; the Day of Judgment, which is so awful to the Good, and terrible to the Wicked; and upon the infinite and eternal Punishments, which shall then be inflicted upon impenitent Sinners.

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And finally grant, O infinite Bounty ! that I may never seek or find Peace or Pleasure in any Thing without thyself; and that thy Will may be the Rule of my Conduct, and of all my Actions in this World, and thou thyself my eternal Bliss and Happiness in that which is to come.

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O most gracious Saviour! keep me from presuming on my own Sufficiency; from relying on my own Actions, and on my own Conduct. Grant that I may not trust in any Thing, but in thee alone, and in thy All-sufficient Merits, that all my Hope, and all my Confidence may be in them; yet so as never to make me neglect any Opportunity of performing that which thy Grace hath enabled me to do.

Fill my Heart, O blessed Jesus! with a lively Sense of thy Divine Love; and deliver me from all the Inclinations of impure and deceitful Self-Love. Raise my Desires, enlighten mine Eyes, and touch my Soul, in order to give me the true Knowledge and Sense of thy Love, of thy Mercies, of thy Wisdom, and of thy Power: As also of my own Nothingness;
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of my Darknes and Unfaithfulness; of my Folly and Wickedness; of my Misery, and of my Weakness.

O dearest Redeemer! Grant I may never lose the Memory of thy Passion and Death, but may always have Recourse to thy Merits and Sufferings, as to an assured Refuge, and as a blessed Means of Reconciliation to my offended God; and that I may look on thy Wounds as an effectual Remedy to cure all the Defilements and Corruptions of my sinful Nature.

O Prince of Love! fill me so with thy Divine Love, that for the Sake thereof all Toil and Travel, all Dangers and Difficulties may be sweet and easy to me; and that in Comparison of thy sacred Love, I may look upon all the Creatures, all their Comforts, all their Joys, and all their Recreations, as mean and contemptible; that if at any Time thy infinite Wisdom shall think fit to withdraw them from me, I may feel as great Chearfulness in submitting to the Want of them, as I have sometimes found Reluctance to be deprived of them. *Amen.*

A Prayer

A Prayer in stormy and tempestuous Weather; as great Thunder, Lightning, &c.

✠✠✠✠ Great and Glorious God, who
 ✠ O ✠ makest the *Thunder*, and causest
 ✠✠✠✠ the *Vapours* to ascend from the
 Ends of the Earth; thou sendest forth thy Commandment upon the Earth, and thy Word runneth very swiftly; thou makest *Lightnings* for the *Rain*; and bringest the *Wind* out of thy *Treasures*. Thou givest *Snow* like Wool, thou scatterest the *Hoar-Frost* like Ashes, and castest forth the *Ice* like Morfels. *Fire* and *Hail*, *Snow* and *Vapours*, and the *stormy Wind*, fulfil thy Word. How wonderful art thou in thy Works, and terrible in thy Doings, towards the Children of Men!

O deliver us from our just Fears, and uneasy Apprehensions, and in Mercy cause the *threatening Destruction* to pass over us. Grant that the present Storm may not be a *Messenger* of thy *Judgment*, and an *Executioner* of thy Wrath only, but a Means to cool, and refresh, and cleanse

cleanse the Air, and make the Earth fruitful. O shut not thy merciful Ear to our Prayers, but save and deliver us, for thy Mercy's Sake, who now apply to thee in this Time of our Distress.

We know, O Lord, that thy Judgments are just, and that our Sins have deserved much greater Punishment than those we now fear; for we have broken thy Covenant, disobeyed thy Commandments, and provoked thee to be angry with us; but we are heartily sorry for our Offences, we repent and turn to thee, do thou, O God, increase our Repentance; O let that full, perfect, and sufficient Sacrifice, which thy beloved Son offered up upon the Cross, atone and make Satisfaction for our Sins.

Suffer us not, O Lord, to forget thee; but awaken us out of all carnal Security, and from the Sleep and Death of Sin. Let not the Impressions of thy Power, which the *Noise* and *Shaking* of the impending *Storm* hath made upon us, soon wear off. And since the *dreadful Commotions* it occasions are now *so terrible*, help us to consider how much more *astonishing* it will be to see the *Heavens* on *Fire*, and the *Elements* melt with fervent Heat, and the *Earth*, and the Works that are therein,

in, be burnt up. Do thou so effectually touch our Hearts, and incline our Wills by the powerful Operations of thy Spirit, that no Excuses may prevail with us to defer our Preparations against that Time, nor delay to provide a Place of Retreat and Security.

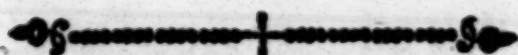
Let such Thoughts sink deep into our Minds, that we may valiantly fight under the Captain of our Salvation, Christ Jesus, and bravely resist, and conquer all the *Temptations* and *Allurements* of the World, the Flesh and the Devil.

Let them deter us from every evil Work, and make us effectually to consider, what Manner of Persons we ought to be in all holy Conversation and Godliness. Grant this, O God, for the Sake of Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Rain.

✠✠✠✠ God, who didst promise to give
 ✠ O ✠ thy People Rain in due Season,
 ✠✠✠✠ if they should walk in thy Sta-
 tutes, and keep thy Command-
 ments, and do them, that the Land might
 yield her Increase, and the Trees of the
 Field their Fruit; and by thy Son Jesus
 Christ hast promised, as an Encourage-
 ment to all them, who in the first Place
 seek thy Kingdom, and the Righteousness
 requisite to bring us to the Enjoyment
 thereof, all Things necessary to their bo-
 dily Sustenance; I beseech thee, in this
 Time of our Distress, to send us such
 moderate Rain and Showers, that we may
 receive the Fruits of the Earth in due Sea-
 son. I confess, O Lord, our Unworthi-
 ness of this Mercy, and that thou might-
 est justly make the Heavens over us as
 Brasse, and the Rain of our Land Dust:
 But I humbly pray thee to pardon our
 Sins, and in the midst of Judgment to re-
 member Mercy; and to cause the Rain
 to come down in due Season, that the
 Grasse may grow for the Cattle, and Herbs
 and

and Fruit for the Service of Men ; and that the Poor may eat and be satisfied, and praise the Lord for his Bounty and Loving-Kindness. And whatever Blessings thou shalt bestow upon us, give us Grace to use them to thy Honour and our own Comfort. Keep us from murmuring and repining at thy Dealings with us ; and let all thy Dispensations be received with Resignation and Thankfulness, and bring us in the End to thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*



A Prayer for Fair Weather.

✠✠✠✠ I ✠✠✠✠ Acknowledge, O Lord, the Justice of thy Providence, in the immoderate Rain thou hast been pleased to send upon the Earth.

We have been unmindful of thee, who hast so bountifully provided for us. We have abused thy Blessings ; so that thou mayest justly turn our Plenty into Scarceness. But I humbly beseech thee to put a stop to those Rains, which have fallen
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in such Abundance, and to send us such Weather, that we may receive the Fruits of the Earth in due Season. Preserve our Cattle from being destroyed by excessive Floods. Grant that the Ground may yield its Increase, to the Joy and Comfort of thy humble Servants. Keep us from abusing thy Blessings by Riot and Intemperance, and grant that we may use them with Sobriety and Thankfulness, being bountiful and charitable to those that are in Want. Awaken in us, O God, a diligent Concern, not only for the Meat which perisheth, but for thy Grace, which may nourish our Souls to Eternal Life, through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*



A Prayer for a Prisoner for Debt.

Almighty God, just and holy in
all the Dispensations of thy Pro-
vidence to the Children of Men;
the Difficulties and Sorrows I
labour under in this close Confinement,
are perfectly known to thee, who dost
succour

succour the Miserable, and help the Friendless. O Lord, I most sorrowfully confess, that I have deserved to suffer much greater Punishments, and to feel the Severities of thy Wrath and Displeasure. For I have abused my Liberty, and neglected my Duty. I have gone contrary to thy holy Will, and refused to obey thy wise and righteous Laws. I do therefore most humbly desire to submit to thy all-wise Disposal, and patiently to wait for that Time which thou shalt think best for my Enlargement. Let me receive this melancholy restraint, as a just Punishment for my Sins, and grant that others may be warned by my Example.

Let me in these disconsolate Circumstances have the Comfort and Direction of thy Holy Spirit. Assist me, O God, in calling my Ways to Remembrance; in examining into the State of my Soul; in repenting and humbling myself before thee, and in reconciling myself to thee my offended God.

Let me highly prize the Holy Scriptures, and follow the Divine Instructions to be learnt from thence. Grant that the Promises and Threatenings therein contained, may powerfully work in my Soul
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a firm and vigorous Resolution of obeying thee.

Wean my Mind from all carnal and vain Delights; and be thou pleased to suit my Desires to the Straitness and Difficulty of my Circumstances, and give me a perfect Resignation to thy holy Will.

Thou, O God, *lovest Righteousness and hatest Iniquity*; and thy holy Word makes it a Part of the Character of the Wicked, to *borrow and not to pay again*; let it be therefore my Study and Care to content and satisfy my Creditors to the utmost of my Power. O keep me from all Thoughts of using a Prison to cancel my Debts, and thereby defraud my Creditors of their just Due; for I know that by so doing, I shall entail a Curse on myself and Family; for how can I hope for Blessing from thee, when I make use of sinful Methods to provide for myself and them?

Touch the Hearts of my Creditors, with a Sense of my Misery and Trouble, and dispose them to accept of such Satisfaction as I am able to make, that I may be discharged out of this miserable Confinement, if it be thy good Pleasure.

And after my Discharge, let thy good Providence direct me to such honest Ways
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of getting, and so blefs me in my lawful Endeavours and Undertakings, that I may be in a Condition to pay them what fhall be behind, and fully fatisfy their juft Demands, knowing, that notwithstanding my Difcharge, and though I am out of the Reach of human Laws in this refpect, yet my *Duty* and *Obligation* in *Equity* are ftill the fame. But if thou fhalt think fit to deny me this Request, do thou, O God, make up their Lofs in fuch Way and Manner as thou pleafeft. Hear me, O Lord, for the Sake of thy Son Jefus Chrift our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Some of the Confiderations propofed to Prifoners for Crimes, may be of Ufe to *Prifoners for Debt*, and indeed to all Chriftians, in order to the making their Peace with God. *Prifoners for Debt* may likewise be affifted in the *Examination* of their Confcience, by the Office for *Self-Examination*, in the *Second Part* of this Book.

I judge it needless to obferve, that though the foregoing Prayer be peculiarly adapted to the Cafe of *Prifoners for Debt*, yet it is not intended that they
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• should use that only ; no, the rest of the
• Prayers in this Book, or such other
• as they find more *agreeable* to the *Tem-*
• *per* of their Minds, or expressive of
• their Wants, are recommended to their
• Use, for which they will not want Lei-
• sure and Opportunity.



*Some Considerations proper for Prisoners
for Crimes, in order to their making
their Peace with GOD, as well before,
as after their Condemnation.*

• *O*ften lift up your Heart to God,
• *O* and beg of Him, for Christ's
• Sake, that He will be pleased
• *in Mercy* to enlighten your
• Mind, and soften your Heart, and give
• you a deep Sense of your *miserable Con-*
• *dition*, till you find yourself more con-
• cerned for the Salvation of your precious
• and immortal Soul, than for your tem-
• poral Life.

• Consider that our first Parents having
• fallen from God, and corrupted them-

‘ selves, all who descend from them must
‘ be corrupt, it being impossible to bring
‘ a *clean Thing* out of an unclean.

‘ Consider that our *great Business* and
‘ Concern in this World, which we are
‘ to look upon as a *State of Trial*, is to re-
‘ cover out of this *corrupt State*, and to
‘ attain that *Resemblance* to God after
‘ which Man was created, and without
‘ which it is *impossible* to obtain *Happiness*
‘ in the Kingdom of Heaven. What an
‘ important Concern then have you to
‘ mind, who have been so far from doing
‘ any Thing in it, that you have made it
‘ more difficult, by doing the quite con-
‘ trary!

‘ Consider that it is absolutely necessary
‘ to bring our Wills to a full and entire
‘ Resignation and Conformity to the Will
‘ and Laws of our Creator.

‘ Read over seriously the *Office of Pub-
‘ lic Baptism*, which will instruct you on
‘ what *Terms* and *Conditions* you were ad-
‘ mitted into Christ’s Church, and to the
‘ Hopes of Mercy and eternal Life, and
‘ consider how you have performed those
‘ Conditions. Read likewise the Exhor-
‘ tation in the Office of *Commination*, or
‘ *denouncing* of God’s Anger and Judg-
‘ ments

ments against Sinners, in the Book of
Common Prayer.

Shun *Idleness*, and all *unprofitable Vi-*
sits. Look diligently into the State of
your Soul. Humble yourself before God.
Avoid profane and loose *Company*, and
be sure never to exceed the *sober* and *tem-*
perate Use of Wine and *strong Liquors.*

Consider the Kindness and Love of
God in giving his Son, our Saviour Jesus
Christ to die for our Sins, and in offer-
ing *Pardon* and *Salvation* to all true *pe-*
nitent Sinners; *that is*, to all who for-
sake their Sins, and turn to God, and
to Works meet for Repentance; and how
deservedly they will be condemned who
refuse this gracious Offer.

Consider that one *necessary Part* of
true *Repentance* consists in *undoing*, as
much as in you lies, the *Evil* and *Mis-*
chief you have done. Therefore admo-
nish all those, as far as you can, with
whom you have been concerned, to for-
sake their evil Courses.

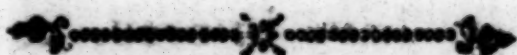
Make a full and ample Discovery of
all wicked *Confederacies* for Robbery, or
other Mischief, that you know of,
in order to the breaking of them,
and bringing obstinate and irreclaim-

' able Sinners to Punishment, and pre-
 ' venting the Spoiling and Robbery of
 ' the Innocent. Do not call this *disbo-*
 ' *nourable*; neither ought you to account
 ' it a betraying your Companions, or a
 ' Breach of Trust, or of your Faith. For
 ' all such Confederacies being *evil* in their
 ' own *Nature*, their *Secrets* cannot *law-*
 ' *fully* be kept. To *conceal* them there-
 ' fore is both *dishonest* and *dishonourable*;
 ' and to discover them an act of *Justice* to
 ' human Society, and of *Charity* to the In-
 ' nocent, who by such *Discovery* may be
 ' preserved from being injured by the
 ' Wicked engaged in these *Confederacies*,
 ' which may hereby be broken. Nay,
 ' it may be the *greatest Charity* that can
 ' be shewn to the *Guilty* themselves, who
 ' may be led to *Repentance*, and prevailed
 ' with to follow an honest Course of Life.

' Another *necessary Part of true Repent-*
 ' *ance*, is *Restitution*, and Satisfaction, as
 ' far as you are able, to the Persons you
 ' have robbed; pray heartily to God, to
 ' make up what is wanting, by his Grace
 ' and Blessing to them.

' More *particular Directions* to Persons
 ' under these unhappy Circumstances they
 ' may receive from those who are so cha-
 ' ritable

• ritable as to visit them, and from good
• Books which may be put into their
• Hands; particularly Mr. Kettlewell's
• Office for Prisoners, also the Directions
• for Examinations, the Prayers, &c. in
• the *Second Part* of this Book may be of
• Use to them in private.' Here follows



*A Prayer that may be used with condemned
Prisoners by those who visit them.*

✠✠✠✠✠ Most holy and righteous God,
O we adore the Wisdom and
✠✠✠✠✠ Justice of thy Providence, in
✠✠✠✠✠ bringing these Persons, now
under Sentence of Death, to suffer
such Punishments as their Sins have de-
served. Blessed be thy Name, that thou
didst not cut them off in the Midst of
their Sins, but hast afforded them Time
to consider their Condition, and to repent
and humble themselves before thee.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark our Trans-
gressions, and deal with us, as in Justice
thou mightest, who could stand before
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thee? But there is Mercy with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

Their Sins have found them out, and brought them to Shame and Misery. They are more than they can number, and greater than they can express. Dispose their Hearts to a full and free Confession of their Transgressions, and to make such Satisfaction to their Country, and the Persons they have injured, as they are able.

All our Hope is in thy Mercy, and in the gracious Promises thou hast made to Mankind in thy Son Jesus Christ, who was pleased to suffer Death upon the Cross, to make Satisfaction for all true penitent and returning Sinners. Thou hast assured us, that the *Unrighteous shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven*, and that *except we repent, we shall all perish*; but thou hast promised too, that if the Wicked forsake his Way, if he grieve and mourn for his Sins, if he hate and forsake them, thou wilt have Mercy upon him. Oh! fill their Souls with Horror and Confusion for their Transgressions. Open their Eyes, that they may see their Guilt, and be sensible of their Danger. And grant, that being turned from their Sins, their
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Souls may be washed and cleansed in that Fountain, which thou hast opened for Sin and Uncleannefs.

O touch their Hearts with a lively Sense of thy Love, and of thy Goodness; and dispose their Minds, by the powerful Assistances of thy Grace, to close with the Offer Salvation upon those just and reasonable Conditions it is made to them.

Give them a lively and effectual Faith in thy Son Jesus Christ. And though the Remembrance of their Sins may fill their Souls with Dread and Horror; yet do thou, O Lord, convince them, that their Sins are not greater than thy Mercy can pardon, nor greater than the Blood of thy Son can make Satisfaction for, if they repent and turn unto thee.

Wo is me, vile and wretched Sinner that I am, may each of them say, in that I have so foolishly and wickedly departed from thee; having broken thy Covenant, the Covenant of my Baptism; having renounced the Happiness and Pleasure of serving thee, to serve my greatest Enemy, who seeks my Destruction. But I repent, O my God, do thou increase my Repentance.

O possess their Souls with such a deep Sense of their Guilt, that they may mourn for their Sins! O give them an Interest in the Merits and Sufferings of Jesus, and such broken and contrite Hearts as thou wilt not despise.

Grant that the miserable Circumstances, into which they have plunged themselves, by their Sins, may be an effectual Warning to deter others from following wicked Courses; and that the Harships they endure, may, through the Riches of thy Grace, be an Occasion of converting their Souls, and a Means of completing their Repentance, and setting forward their Salvation. To this End, we pray thee, O merciful and gracious God, that their Sorrow may be that *Godly Sorrow which worketh Repentance to Salvation not to be repented of*; that they may Sorrow not only for the Shame and Punishment they have brought upon themselves in this World; but for their having offended thee, and resisted and grieved thy holy Spirit; and for that they have forsaken thee, and gone contrary to thy holy Laws, which are necessary to their Happiness.

O God, prepare them for, and support
them

them under, the deserved Punishment they are shortly to suffer. May they have all their Punishment in this Life; and deliver them from Shame and everlasting Contempt. Be thou graciously pleased to glorify thy Mercy in their Salvation, and not thy Justice in their everlasting Destruction and Condemnation. O give them Hope in their Death, and a Portion in thy Heavenly Kingdom.

O Lord, hear, O Lord, help, O Lord, have Mercy, for the Sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who came into the World to save Sinners; in the fullest Sense of whose Words we pray to be heard for ourselves and for all Mankind.

Our Father, &c.



Another Prayer that may be used with condemned Prisoners.

A Almighty, and ever blessed God,
the Creator of Heaven and Earth,
and of all Things visible and invisible;
Thou art the Sovereign Ruler and Judge of the World, whose
wise and righteous Laws all Mankind are bound

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bound to obey, and at whose dreadful Tribunal all must be accountable;— Thou art a Being of infinite Purity, and Holiness, with whom no Iniquity can dwell, nor wilt thou behold Sin with the least Allowance or Approbation in any of thy Creatures! So that, O Lord, we have just Cause to blush and be ashamed at the Remembrance of our Folly, and to be afraid of thy terrible Indignation for our great and manifold Offences.

Blessed be thy Name that poor Sinners are not for ever banished from thee, but have Leave to return to the Lord their God by true Repentance and humble Prayer.

We admire and adore the Riches of thy Grace, that thou has sent thy dear Son into the World to be a Mediator between thyself and us, who out of his great Love and Compassion to Mankind has laid down his Life, and shed his most precious Blood to make Atonement for our Sins, and to obtain Pardon and Forgiveness for all such as by true Faith, and sincere Repentance return to God, and their Duty.

From the Holy Scriptures we learn, that thou art a God delighting in Mercy, and through the Merits and Mediation of thy
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dear Son our Saviour art pleased to hear and accept the Prayers, which are put up at the Throne of thy Grace; in his most prevailing Name, we therefore pray for all Mankind, that thy Way may be known upon Earth, and thy saving Health unto all Nations. We pray thee to have Mercy on the Ignorant, and grant them the Means and Opportunity of knowing their Duty; shew Mercy to the Wicked, convince them of their Sin and Danger, and grant them Repentance unto Life.

Have Mercy, we beseech thee, O good and gracious God, upon all that are in Affliction and Trouble, and sanctify the Miseries of the Body to the Good of the Soul.

O God, who desirest not the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live, shew Pity to all who neither pity nor pray for themselves. Grant that they may seriously consider their miserable Condition, before all Opportunities of being reconciled to thee be removed far, far from them.

With the Eyes of thy tender Compassion look down on all those who are deprived of Liberty, and suffer the Calamities and Hardships of Imprisonment:
Pity

Pity their Distress, raise them up Friends, and send them Relief; and grant that their Adversity may lead them into a serious Consideration of their Ways, and prove a happy Means of their Salvation.

Especially we entreat thee, O Lord, to regard, in the Multitude of thy Mercies, these poor Creatures, whose Sins have brought them to Shame, and their Transgression of thine and their Country's Laws has produced the Sentence of Death to be passed upon them. Righteous art thou in all thy Ways, and just are all thy Judgments; who hast appointed that Shame and Punishment shall be the Fruit of Wickedness, and ordained Death to be the Wages of Sin:—Yet, O Lord, in the midst of Judgment remember Mercy, and though their Bodies perish, let their Souls be saved. Let them not endure, we beseech thee, the Flames of Hell, and everlasting Torments of the Damned in the other World, though they may suffer the Stroke of Justice in this.

To which End be thou pleased, O Fountain of all Grace, and Author of all Good, powerfully to affect their Consciences with a deep Sense of their Guilt, and awful Apprehensions of the Vengeance they have
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deserved. Help them to consider, in this Time of their Adversity, all the Evil of their Ways, to reflect upon, and call to mind all their past Offences.

Grant them true Contrition and Humiliation, and endue them with that Godly Sorrow, which worketh Repentance unto Life never to be repented of. Help them to remember thy exceeding Patience and Long-suffering, that they are hitherto spared, to the Intent, they might have Space and Encouragement to repent of their Sins and amend their Lives: Whereas, hadst thou been strict to mark their Iniquities, and severe to punish, they might have been struck dead in the Act of Sin, and plunged in a Moment into those dreadful Torments, *which were prepared for the Devil and his Angels*, and are appointed for ungodly Men in the invisible World. Cause them to admire this divine Goodness, and to mourn that they have so heinously abused it.

May they think not only of those particular Crimes, which brought them to this Place, and this sad Condition; but of all those Steps, which led them on to, and prepared them for, this Ruin. And let their Spirits be humbled for that they have
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dishonoured the Lord their God, and abused themselves by Swearing, and Cursing, Drunkenness, and Sabbath-breaking, and by the general Course of a sensual and wicked Life; that they have turned their Backs upon thy Worship and Service, giving themselves up to Ungodliness and worldly Lusts.

For all these Things may they mourn and grieve with unfeigned Sorrow and penitential Tears, if peradventure the Lord will yet have Mercy upon them—and grant, O gracious God, that their Grief may not be so much for the Misery they endure at present, and the shameful Death they are shortly to suffer, as for the Greatness of their Guilt, and the dangerous State of their precious Souls; may they be infinitely more concerned about the Soul that never dies, than about the frail corruptible Body.

Help them sincerely, and from the Heart, to forgive their Prosecutors, and such as bore Witness against them, to be in perfect Charity with all Men, and not repine at the Instruments, but own the Justice of Heaven.

Enable them with due Patience, and Submission, to endure what they have brought

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brought upon themselves, not complaining and murmuring, but readily acknowledging, that while they are out of Hell, their Punishment is less than they have deserved.

May not they harden their Hearts, or endeavour either to conceal or lessen any Part of their Crimes, but readily and fully confess the whole Truth. And if they all or either of them have been privy to any other Wickedness, which has hitherto been concealed, may they now evidence the Sincerity of their Repentance, by discovering any such Wickedness, and detecting their Companions therein. Thus we pray that their Repentance may be true and genuine, and such as shall be accepted to eternal Salvation.

And since, Blessed be thy Name, O God, Thou art infinitely gracious and merciful, ready to receive the returning Prodigal, and to pardon the Sinner, which truly repents of and forsakes his Sins; we beseech thee, through the precious Blood, and compleat Satisfaction of our Lord Jesus, to have Mercy upon, pardon and save these poor Creatures. Great as their Sins are, yet thy Mercies, through the Merits of Christ, are greater. In this
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bleſſed Lord and Saviour help them to believe, who though he was himſelf holy, harmleſs, and undefiled, and ſeparate from Sinners, yet bled and died for us, and bore our Sins in his own Body on the Tree, that whoſoever believeth in him might not periſh, but have everlaſting Life. Thus we beſeech thee, O Heavenly Father, the bleſſed Fountain of Mercy, to endue them with the neceſſary Qualifications for, and then to grant them the full and free Pardon of all their Sins.

Help them alſo to conſider the Shortneſs of their Time, and to lay to Heart their near Approaches to an eternal State and the inviſible World: And grant that they may be exceeding ſerious the little Time they have; and preparing with the utmoſt Diligence for their great Change.

Help them to be in continual Meditation on the Evil of Sin, and Excellency of Holineſs; the Purity of God, and their own Vilenefs; the Joys of Heaven, and Miſeries of Hell: That ſo in this Inch of Time there may be no Room left for one vain or wicked Thought to enter.

Awaken them to the Duty of fervent and earneſt Prayer, that ſo they who have hitherto lived without God in the World,
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and been Strangers at the Throne of Grace, may now with strong Cries and incessant Importunity solicit Mercy, and draw down Grace and Forgiveness to the Relief of their Souls.

Grant their Repentance and Faith to be such, as, through the Merits of our dear Lord and Redeemer, shall be accepted to their eternal Salvation. Work in them, we beseech thee, such an Abhorrence of Sin, such an Approbation and Love of Holiness, and such strong Resolutions of Obedience, were they again to be put to the Trial, as thou in thy great Wisdom and Mercy shall see fit to approve; that so their corrupt Nature being thoroughly changed, and they become new Creatures, they may be capable of thy Favour, and the Blessings of eternal Life.

Grant that they may meekly resign to thy Will, and not rebel against this awful Dispensation of Providence, but quietly yield up themselves to Death, and be willing to suffer what is appointed here, being careful and concerned about nothing else but to be delivered from eternal Condemnation, and to escape the Flames of Hell.

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Have Mercy upon and Comfort their unhappy Relations. And make the Execution of Justice on these poor Creatures a Terror to others, that so none may venture on the broad Way, which leadeth to Misery and Destruction.

Thus, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee, that their Confinement and Sentence to this untimely and ignominious Death may be a Benefit to themselves, by preventing their progress in Sin, and administering Motives to their effectual Repentance; that so the Death of the Body may be the Life of the Soul, and their Sufferings in this World the Means of their Happiness in the other. And may it be a Benefit to the World also, by terrifying other Sinners out of the Service of the Devil, and putting them on immediate and effectual Amendment.

To thy boundless Compassion, O rich Fountain of Grace and Goodness, we commit them; have Mercy upon them, have Mercy upon them! Let them suffer all in this World, and accept of their Death, as a just Punishment for their Sins; and through the precious Blood, and prevailing Merits of the blessed Jesus, who
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died for the chief of Sinners, let them be delivered from sufferings in the other World.

In his Name, the Refuge of the Guilty, and Comfort of the Distressed, we cry for Mercy, Mercy! To whom with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit of Grace and Sanctifications, be ascribed, as is most due, all Glory, Honour, Adoration, and Praise, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Several Prayers in the Liturgy of the Church may be properly used with condemned Prisoners; sometimes with very little, but often without any Alteration. For instance, in the Collect for *Christmas-Day*, these Words [*as at this Time*] may be omitted.

After some suitable Discourse with the Prisoners, sometimes the foregoing Prayer, and sometimes some such Collection as is here recommended, may be used.

The *Confession* in the daily Service, or that in the Communion-Office.

Then may follow the *Collect* for the 24th Sunday after *Trinity*, and the Two first *Collects* in the *Commination-Office*.

Then the *Prayers* immediately after the *Creed*, among which is the *Lord's Prayer*.

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 • 2d and 3d *Collects* in the *Morning*, or
 • *Evening Service*, the Prayer for all Con-
 • ditions of Men, and the general Thank-
 • giving.

• Or before the two last may be used
 • the *Collects* for the 1st and 4th *Sundays*
 • in *Advent*, the *Collects* for *Ash-Wednes-*
 • *day*, for the *Circumcision* of Christ, for
 • *Christmas-Day*, for the 6th, 7th, and 14th
 • *Sundays* after *Trinity*, &c.

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